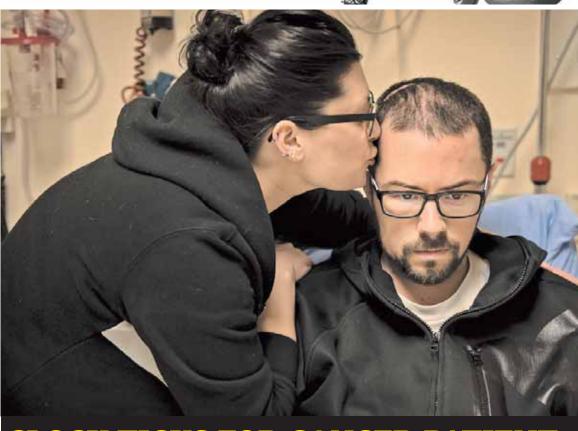
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Danielle Wesche places a kiss on husband Daniel right near the incision line made by surgeons earlier this month to remove the bulk of a tumour growing on his brain. The couple is expecting their first child in March after trying for two years to conceive. But Daniel likely won't make it to see his daughter's high-school graduation and fears he'll turn into a different person before she gets to know him. For the story and to learn how to lend support to the couple, head to page 18. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Jim Prentice trims cabinet salaries

Rollback. Premier and ministers take 5 per cent pay cut, plan to ask all MLAs to do the same

The government payroll got lighter Thursday after Premier Jim Prentice announced a five per cent cut to cabinet wages, with MLAs and possibly government workers next in line.

Following a meeting, Prentice said his cabinet ministers agreed to cut their pay and he will ask MLAs to take the same hit next week - while continuing to suggest public servants will have to sacrifice.

"I think this is the kind of leadership that Albertans expect from their elected officials in these challenging times," he

Prentice said that if all MLAs agreed to the cut, it would save about \$600,000. He said it will mean he personally will make \$10,887 less next year and ministers will see \$10,050 less

on their paycheques. If MLAs agree to cut, when it goes to their member services committee, it will cost them \$6,700 per year.

Prentice said discussions with provincial unions are ongoing but he believes Albertans will want to see the pain shared.

"They expect people who work for the government, whether we're elected or whether they're employees, to share part of that burden," he

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees President Guy Smith said the premier sacrificing part of his salary has no impact on his members' willingness to sacrifice theirs. "For us it makes no difference; we have a collective agreement that we signed with the Government of Alberta," he said. "We expect the government to honour that collective agree-

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Milk River. Owner tried to get back abused dogs

Court records indicate the owner of a property where more than 200 severely neglected dogs were found attempted to regain ownership of the animals.

On Wednesday, the Alberta SPCA announced the largest dog seizure in its history as 201 dogs were pulled in phases from property near the southern Alberta town of Milk River.

The first group of 60 dogs were pulled from the property Dec. 23. Then officials went to work to obtain a search warrant, a move that allowed them to collect the other dogs on Jan. 13.

But court records show that April Irving, the property owner, filed a statement of claim against the SPCA one week later on Jan. 20. On Jan. 29, however, a judge appears to have dismissed the claim.

The Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society initially took possession of all the animals and has since been working with partners to nurse them back to health.

Reached Thursday, the society's executive director Deanna Thompson deemed conditions on the property "unfathomable" and couldn't believe that Irving had attempted to regain possession of the animals.

"It's really disturbing, and I hope she doesn't get any of them back," Thompson said.

The dogs are now being cared for by 11 animal groups. Nearly all were dehydrated and malnourished and some were suffering from untreated wounds and broken bones.

It's not clear if Irving will face criminal charges, but the SPCA has said it's continuing to investigate.

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Residents petition against skatepark

Edgemont. Community group raises concerns, but skateboarding association says it's 'too little, too late'



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Concerned members of the Edgemont community have put forward a petition to stop construction of a long-awaited skatepark — citing concerns of reckless abandon, ruckus and a potential eyesore - a week before the park's design unveiling.

A few weeks ahead of the planned community meeting, the Phase 1 opposition, a committee made up of 20 concerned Edgemont residents, presented a petition with over 480 signatures to the community association, Coun. Sean Chu and the Calgary Parks and Recreation department. Opposed to the construction of the park, the group is asking the city to back away from their commitment.

"We're a little bit surprised because we've been providing info about this project for over a year," said Elspeth Kirk, communications representative for the Edgemont community association. "Bold signs, sandwich-board signs, public meetings.... This is the first we heard of any opposition to the park."

Chu said that, although he respects the Edgemont com-



munity association, he says the petitioning group has legitimate issues.

"I understand their concerns," said Chu. The petition lists concerns about unsupervised 24-hour access to the park, noise, a rise in graffiti or vandalism and property val-

ues, among other concerns.
"Other people coming from other communities ... they don't have to live there, but people living beside it, I believe they have a legitimate concern," said Chu.

Zev Klymochko, co-chair with the Calgary Association of Skateboarding Enthusiasts, said the group's efforts are

misguided — and too little, too late.

"If we had a chance to talk to them we can probably quell some of their fears," Klymochko said. "Really, them coming this late in the game when it's been approved and we're about to unveil the concept.... Where were you six months ago, or a year ago, when there were signs posted all over your neighbourhood and meetings?"

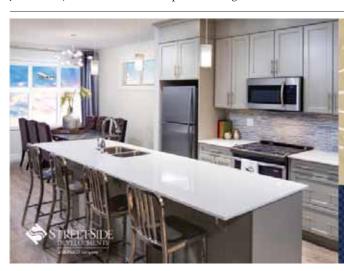
He added the group is spreading misinformation, pointing out that concerns over noise seem misplaced considering the park's John Laurie Boulevard location — a

70 kilometre per hour roadway that would drown out or equal noise created by skat-

Kirk also mentioned the group has needlessly worried both soccer and football teams using the space, incorrectly claiming skatepark will interfere with use of the fields.

She added the community already hosts mobile skateparks in the summer, at which kids can learn the basics of skateboarding.

The Phase 1 opposition committee was not prepared to comment when contacted



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Health. Flu deaths reach 52, above 'normal' range

Alberta has already seen 52 flu-related deaths so far this season, putting it outside the "normal" range described by the province's chief medical officer of health and well ahead of the 30 deaths seen last flu season.

Chief medical officer of health Dr. James Talbot said earlier this month the "normal death rate" in Alberta is 30 to 40 by the end of a flu season.

Talbot also said "elderly Albertans have been impacted the most" by the H3N2 strain of flu virus that has been circulating this season.

The higher number of deaths so far is no cause for alarm, according to Dr. Judy MacDonald, medical officer of health for the Calgary Zone.

"Each season is different, so it is not possible to directly compare season to season nor analyze mid-season why one half-season is different than the whole previous season," she told Metro in an email Thursday. "Not only do the predominant strains each season change — which means the people most at risk change — but so too does the effectiveness of the vaccine."

This season's vaccine has been "very effective" in protecting Albertans against the H1N1 strain but less so when it comes to H3N2, MacDonald noted.

"This is because the H3N2 strain that is circulating in the community has mutated, making it slightly different than the H3N2 that the vaccine was manufactured to protect against," she said.

More than 1.2 million

More than 1.2 million doses of flu vaccine have been administered across the province this season.

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Man found dead in Auburn Bay

Crime. Gun thefts a concerning trend: ALERT

ALERT says the apparent theft of guns from homes throughout Red Deer and Central Alberta highlights a growing criminal trend.

On Jan. 23, with the assistance of RCMP and the K-Division Emergency Response Team, ALERT executed a search warrant at a downtown Red Deer home located in close proximity to two schools.

Five people were arrested, and 16 firearms and over 1,000 rounds of ammunition were seized. ALERT also found 28 grams of methamphetamine among a variety of stolen property.

According to Criminal Intelligence Service Alberta, from 2008 to 2013 there was a 1,440 per cent increase in the number of break-and-enter incidents to steal a firearm.

Joseph Daniel Swain, 30, Joseph Russell Sinclair, 26, Stephanie Dawn Hughes, 31, Angie Faye Deneff, 33, and Amanda Dawn Fox, 31, are facing a total of 230 charges related to drugs and guns.

Swain was arrested during a vehicle stop north of Red Deer. He was bound by a 10-year firearms prohibition from a previous court decision.

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Shooting. Victim might have been targeted, police say



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Calgary police believe a fatal shooting Thursday morning might have been a targeted attack.

Around 9:30 a.m., police were called to the 0–100 block of Auburn Sound Circle S.E. for a reported shooting. When officers arrived, they found a man in his mid-40s dead on the residential street.

Duty Insp. Michael Watterston said police are in the early stages of their investigation and didn't have information about the man's precise cause of death but said the incident is concerning.

"We believe at this point that there's an element of the individual being targeted," Watterston told reporters. "This is certainly a public-safety concern whenever we have gunplay in the city early in the morning when we've got our residents surrounding (the area)."

Police have not formally identified the victim and are still trying to determine a mo-

tive, noting officers are speaking to a number of witnesses and collecting as much information as possible.

Some residents in Calgary's Auburn Bay neighbourhood were surprised to learn that the CPS homicide unit was investigating a suspicious death in the area.

Nearby resident Sonny Belanger moved into his new home just around the corner from the incident a month and a half ago. He told Metro he was shocked by the news.

"We moved from Auburn Bay and wanted to continue in Auburn Bay knowing that it's a safe community," he said. "Now we run into a (suspicious death) that's no more than 10 houses away from my house."

Watterston said, to his knowledge, the guns and gangs unit is not investigating.

No date has been schedled for an autopsy.

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Sixteen-year-old Will Bannatyne, who lives in the area, said he was woken up by a series of bangs — but what he heard didn't register until he looked out the window to see a heavy police presence.

"I was just sleeping this morning and I just heard ... bang, bang, bang, and I didn't really think too much of it because I was half asleep at that time," he told reporters.



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Social services. SORCe's model works in tough times



Social-service officials say Calgary's Safe Communities Opportunity & Resource Centre may be a good model for difficult times.

Introduced in 2013, SORCe is a partnership between the Calgary Police Service and more than a dozen social agencies throughout the city.

Connecting Calgary's most vulnerable with hundreds of supports around mental illness, housing, addiction and employment, the system is more efficient at getting people help, experts say — an important element in a time of cutting costs.

"One of the great things about having organizations together in situations like SORCe is that in difficult times, we're able to maximize the resources that we have available," said Lucy Miller, executive director of the United Way of Calgary and Area.

SORCe was one of the main items discussed at a recent meeting of the Calgary Police Commission.

There, members heard SORCe had already assisted more than 1,800 people, with 66 per cent of clients indicating a need for housing.

Executive director Frank Cattoni, an acting inspector with the Calgary police, said officers could have dozens of interactions with a vulnerable individual.

However, he said, in some cases a responder — be it a peace officer, a paramedic or police officer — may be forced to choose between referring a person to the health-care system or writing a ticket.

"We want to be able to provide those people that are doing outreach another op-Cattoni stressed.

"When we talk about a time when the provincial government may have to cut back a little bit, you have to use those resources more effectively," he added. "SORCe is that option.

FORGET THE BIKES AND CARS, LIMIT STEPHEN AVENUE TO FOOT TRAFFIC

Transportation.

Historic street would be a great pedestrianonly summer strip



IN DEFENCE OF Mike Morrison calgary@metronews.ca

This summer, the City of Calgary will launch a pilot program that will see Stephen Avenue become a shared space between pedestrians and bikes, and after 6 p.m., cars as well.

Much to the dismay of the bike community, I, like the Calgary Downtown Association, think there shouldn't be bikes on Stephen Avenue, at least not on the shared space capacity.

However, I also think cars shouldn't be allowed there either, at least not until much later at night.

I'm not sure if you've noticed, but over the past couple of years Stephen Avenue has undergone an impressive transformation and has all but erased a period of decline.

The new Stephen Avenue, which was named a national historic site in 2002, is almost always bustling with life and is regularly packed with thousands of Calgarians and tourists alike, who've finally emerged out of the +15 system, like bears after a winter-long hibernation. The only thing that's standing in the way of Stephen Avenue becoming the street it's destined to be? Well, that'd be the almighty car.

Back in the '70s, Stephen Avenue was blocked off from traffic, but that plan was scrapped two decades later when it clearly wasn't working (think of what parts of 7th Avenue look like now).

But that was then. Now, and unlike in the '70s, Calgary is slowly becoming both pedestrian-friendly and urbanliving focused.

The idea of pedestrianonly streets is something other Canadian cities have tried. During the summer, Montreal has seven of them. Ottawa's Spark Street is probably the most well-known and has been closed to cars since 1967. No

cars were ever allowed on sections of Regina's Scarth Street Mall and Toronto's Distillery District. St. John's George Street does it a little differently and actually closes to cars after 6 p.m. I recently fell in love with Charlottetown's Victoria Row, which closes to cars completely during the summer months and instead replaces them with bands, food vendors, chess boards, rooftop patios and thousands and thousands of money-spending tourists.

Even in Edmonton there's talk of closing down portions of Whyte Avenue (their 17th Avenue equivalent) to cars after certain hours.

The point I'm trying to make is that life goes on after

But what about the rights of drivers? I don't drive a lot, but when I do, I never use Stephen Avenue. There's way more efficient ways of getting east to west in Calgary without getting stuck behind a parade of taxis trying to drop off and pick up people. So, where would the taxis go? Well, along Stephen Avenue, a street is never more than half a block away, and if

distance to walk, well then, there's not much I can do to help you.

Executive Director of Downtown Calgary Maggie Schofield says the idea of extending pedestrian hours or doing away with cars completely is something they've discussed before.

It's a conversation that's had every couple of years. Ultimately, we'd love to see that someday in the future but we can't do that without thought and attention because you could really harm the busi-

Schofield believes that Calgary's residential development in the East Village and Beltline will play a huge role in Stephen Avenue's potentially going car-free. "That would be the time to make the change,

So, as city hall and the Calgary Downtown Association debate who will ultimately be able to use one of Canada's most historic and beautiful streets, I'm hoping that pedestrians come out on top.

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positive!" The following comments were shared by Mrs. Boucher from Gatineau, who felt reassured by

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the progress of the construction of her house and the project in general: "What was promised, was delivered! The project is moving forward quickly and the promoters work with the utmost precaution and make the proper decisions.", she adds.

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For now, Ecuador remains a relatively well-kept secret. Properties in Ecuador are much more affordable than in similar tourist destinations, which is one of the main reasons that Canadian travellers and investors are flocking to the region. "Prices reflect what was available in Costa Rica 15 years ago, but in a country where first-rate and modern infrastructure is already in place" confirms Mr. Poole. "Further, the Ecuacorian government is very stable and the currency is the US collar, which is also very reassuring for investors.", he adds. All that said, prices are rising quickly with the current real estate boom in the region. The Oulianovs wanted to act quickly and take advantage of the favourable market. "The development itself is spectacular - an endless beautiful beach, lots of parks and gardens, services available right on the site, and a ton of activities available in the region. We're convinced that this will be a fantastic community in a secure and comfortable

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lance company D.I. Capture Ltd., Hardage is one of many Calgarians using trail cameras as residential security systems.

Trail cameras take a series of photos when their motion sensors are tripped. Some can send the owner an email or text message instantly to alert them of movement, and others can capture licence plates driving by at 80 km/h.
"Realistically,

they're the only cameras available that'll do everything you need for security," said Hardage. "They have motion detectors, infrared for night vision, great memory and higher-quality images than

> Wholesale Sports Outfitters, said about half the people who buy trail cameras at this store plan to use them for security purposes.

"It's really common because they work on motion sensors, plus you don't have to belong to any plans with a security company," he said.

Other retail outlets confirmed observing similar trends, saying trail cameras are an increasingly popular choice for home security.

Hardage went on to say he doesn't think the cameras are used nearly to their potential, considering how simple and covert they are.

"These are easily concealed," he said. "Having worked in security for years, I think you're far better off if they don't know it's there, because then thieves can circumvent it.

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Hardage, however, is not

As the owner of surveil-

Hardage said cost is also a factor in the growing popularity of trail cameras, as video surveillance systems cost upwards of \$1,500 without installation and upkeep.

Trail cameras, on the other hand, cost \$250 each, on average, and require little maintenance beyond the occasional battery change.

Ed Froese, an employee at



Minister all ears for Gay-Straight Alliance talks

Alberta's head of education said the government is in "listening mode" when it comes to potential planning for Gay-Straight Alliances legislation.

Minister Gordon Dirks told media Thursday that he appreciates the opportunity to hear as many perspec-tives as possible, as he attended the Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association public consultation on GSAs

The event's panel heard from speakers from government, LGBTQ advocates and students and intended to submit a list of recommendations to the province for Bill 10 after the evening's discussion.

Dirks said there were several themes he's heard repeated when it comes to

"One of them is that

children who desire a GSA should have one and that's certainly been the position of myself and our government that children who desire a GSA should be able to have one," he said.

Dirks said his goal as education minister is to ensure children receive education in a safe environment, free of bullying, which has been something he's heard over and over again. metro





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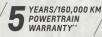






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Ads say schools in walking distance — but are they full?

Real estate. Lotteries mean living across the street is no guarantee a student will get in



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One realtor ad declares: "Beautiful 2 story (sic) home, close to all amenities and walk to school in Martindale."

"Located right across the street from the middle school," proclaims another from Panorama, written in all caps.

But documents provided by the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) indicate that both schools being touted as perks are due to host another round of lotteries this fall to determine which students are able to enrol.

Those that lose out in, say, Panorama will ride the bus 7.5 kilometres southeast to feeder school Alex Munro.

In Martindale, meanwhile, students unable to attend the community's Crossing Park School are shipped to nearby Temple or Falconridge.

Real-estate agent Jerry Charlton's name was listed as the contact for the aforementioned Martindale ad—the property is located just a six-minute walk from Crossing Park. Reached Thursday, he deflected any talk of the ad being misleading.



"You can, in fact, physically walk to the school — it's not saying that you can get into the school," he said.

The CBE turns to enrolment lotteries in situations in which student registration counts exceed available space in the community school. Surges in suburban growth have the public board warning it could host up to 42 lotteries this year for facilities hosting regular and alternative programs, up from 29 in 2014

In an interview earlier this week, Cranston father Shane Byciuk expressed shock after learning his son Kyron will be forced into a lottery despite living literally across the street from the school.

"We never imagined that it would be up in the air, that we might not get in," he said.

But both Charlton and fellow realtor Diane Richardson said it's the homebuyers' job to conduct their own research on whether an area school will really have the capacity to take in their kids.

"Chances are anyone showing the property would not have the information that a school is at capacity," Richardson said. "Unless the realtor's living in the neighbourhood and has kids in the school or in the school system and they know how it works, they aren't typically up to date on something like that."

CBE officials do not publish a full list of schools facing a

lottery scenario, but a spokesperson said Thursday that notices are generally posted on the websites for each individual site. Parents are also welcome to contact the school to discuss whether space is available.

Richardson said she steers clear of putting information regarding school access in her listings.

"It leads people to believe, 'Oh, my kid can walk across the street to school,' when that may not be the case," she said.

Education

Schools still top priority: Dirks

The province is committed to building the schools it promised in October even though oil prices are down, said Alberta's education minister.

Minister Gordon Dirks responded Thursday to comments made by fellow MLA and Infrastructure Minister Manmeet Bhullar after he cautioned the province might have to consider schools on a "case-by-case" basis and first address "highest-needs areas."

Dirks said, despite the fluctuating resource markets, schools remain a top priority for the government.

"Obviously the circumstances today are different ... but we're committed to build the schools that need to be built in our province," he said.

Noting the need for student space, Dirks said "oil goes up, oil goes down," but children will always go to school. "What kind of ultimate time frame we can get them built in is something obviously the minister of infrastructure is going to be talking about with some of his colleagues."

Alberta Liberal education critic Kent Hehr deemed Bhullar's comments frustrating. "It's really been a

"It's really been a travesty of epic proportions. This province needs schools, kids deserve schools, and we can't wait for the price of oil to go back up to have these schools." LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO, WITH FILES FROM JEREMY NOLAIS



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Unions firm on rejecting wage cuts

Labour. Teachers and other workers have sacrificed enough, say representatives



JEREMY NOLAIS

Planned cuts to elected members' wages were merely an attempt by Alberta's premier to put the burden of the province's financial woes on the backs of public-sector employees, charged union representatives Thursday.

Premier Jim Prentice said both he and members of his cabinet would trim their annual earnings by five per cent, effective immediately.

He also said he would ask whip George Vander-Burg to bring a motion to a legislative committee to approve a similar rollback for backbench MLAs and would discuss compensation with public-sector union representatives.

But those representatives weren't buying the premier's apparent measure of good faith

"All of this has been groundwork to try to point the finger at public-sector

Pay cut

- At least one Calgary MLA said Thursday she had no qualms with taking a pay cut in line with those of cabinet ministers and Premier Jim Prentice.
- "We are going to be facing very difficult times ahead," said Calgary-Currie representative Christine Cusanelli.
 "Everybody in every sector is going to feel the crunch, and we need to be prepared to show that we are actual leaders who will make a sacrifice."



workers," said Mark Ramsankar, president of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

"We've got trouble in the province; we've got an issue with our finances. Rather than deal with taxes, we're going to start with employees first."

Asked if his organization would ever consider a wage cut, Ramsankar replied, "The flat answer is no. Teachers have had three years of (zero per cent raises)."

Guy Smith, president of the Alberta Union of Public Employees, said Prentice's pledge was purely based on optics, and wage rollbacks for his members wouldn't come close to solving the province's financial crisis, which is being driven by a rapid decline in the price of oil

"I think Premier Prentice believes this is going to put more pressure on us to capitulate, and it doesn't," Smith said.

Oil prices have plunged from more than \$100 US a barrel last summer to less than \$50 a barrel today, si-

Savings

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Premier Jim Prentice said the total savings, if all 87 elected members come on board, could amount to \$600,000.

phoning billions of dollars from the treasury.

Gil McGowan, president of the Alberta Federation of Labour, lashed out at Prentice on social media.

"Prentice (is) setting up for (an) attack on publicsector wages, even though MLAs have enjoyed far bigger wages and increases than front-line workers," he wrote

The opposition Wildrose, meanwhile, chalked up Thursday's move as being nothing more than "window dressing," and leader Heather Forsyth called instead for a rollback of eight per cent to bring wages back to levels seen prior to raises approved in the fall of 2012.

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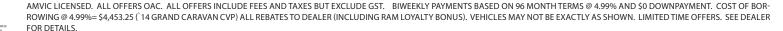




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A current "multi-plate" parking sign, left, and a new design for "unified" signs at right, contributed

'Unified' parking signs planned for downtown

Review. City also looks at revamping broader policies to simplify parking rules



ROBSON FLETCHER robson.fletcher@metronews.ca

Simplified parking signs are in the works for downtown Calgary that would replace the confusing and sometimes seemingly contradictory "multi-plate" design with a new "unified" standard.

"We think they're much easier for our customers to understand," city roads director Troy McLeod said of the signs, which were initially piloted in 2012 and have since been adopted as part of a national guideline for

Survey 730

In an Ipsos Reid survey of 7,110 people, 73 per cent of respondents preferred the "unified" sign to the multi-panel signs.

cities by the Transportation Association of Canada.

Instead of having three, four (or in some rare cases, five) plates mashed together, each outlining parking restrictions at different times of day, the new design lists all the rules for a given zone on a single panel, with the most restrictive rules at top and the least restrictive at bottom.

Calgary resident Brittany McEachern took a look at the new design Thursday and said she preferred the "streamlined" look.

"At least it's all on one sign," she said. "With the old one, there's too many signs, too many things to look at."

McLeod said the signs won't be rolled out until after the city finishes a larger review of its parking policies.

"Once those things are in place and established, then we'd look at a retrofit of all the signage in the core," he said. "We'd rather go in and make all the changes at once."

The citywide review is set to span four or five years but McLeod said some of the "key" changes for downtown parking, specifically, could be done sooner than that and then the new signs could be rolled out.

"It wouldn't probably be this year but it would probably be in the next couple of years," he said

Calgary considers parking signs offering at-a-glance information

In addition to "unified" parking signs, the City of Calgary is also considering — but not seriously pursing — another, fundamentally different way to communicate parking rules.

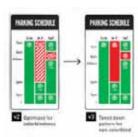
"There's another optional sign that we are evaluating and it's more like how you'd look at a schedule on a calendar," roads director Troy Mc-Leod said.

The basic design employs red and green bars to indicate at which time of day parking is allowed on a given day of a The idea, McLeod said, is to give motorists a sense of parking restrictions "at a glance."

There are challenges with the approach, however, including the fact that some colour-blind people can't distinguish the green bars from the red ones. Some versions of the sign use different patterns to overcome that problem.

Calgary is only looking to "experiment with" these types of signs, McLeod said, and is not currently pursuing them as a formal pilot project.

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Two examples of parking signs that use red and green bars to indicate restricted and permitted times. The version on the left is "optimized" for colour-blind people. CONTRIBUTED

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Animal abuse fund splits three ways

Funds raised amid an outcry over a horrific case of animal abuse in Calgary last year will be donated to three groups to combat such incidents in the future, it was revealed Thursday.

Nicolino Camardi, 19, pleaded guilty in December taping shut the mouths of a husky and a cat and then dumping their bodies in an alley in Willow Park.

Prior to his arrest, Vets To

Go created the Calgary Animal Abuse Fund and offered rewards for public tips in an attempt to try and track down the suspect.

"It was a lightning rod for people's frustration and intolerance of animal abuse," said Greg Habstritt, president of Vets To Go. "It wasn't just abuse, it was long-term neglect and torture ... I think that really caused a lot of people to say 'enough is enough."

Peace officers with the Calgary Humane Society were able to put a case together without public tips, meaning that Vets To Go raised a surplus of about \$70,000.

The foundation on Thursday that the funds will be allocated to the Calgary Humane Society, the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS) and the Four

Feet Companion Foundation.

The Calgary Humane Society will use the money for equipment and technology for their investigators, while the CFHS plans to use the funds to strengthen prosecution of those charged with animal abuse.

The funds for Four Feet Companion Foundation, meanwhile, will be used for the direct treatment of animals. Jennifer friesen/for metro



Black bears like this one are more typically seen in Alberta during the summer, but the exceptionally warm weather recently may wake some from their winter slumbers, warn wildlife experts. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO FILE

Warm winter rouses bears

Wildlife. Human-bear conflicts in January are very rare but not unheard of: WildSmart



ROBSON FLETCHER

Bears aren't usually active in January but wildlife experts in Canmore are warning mountain visitors that all the recent summer-like weather may have roused some from their winter slumber.

"We've had these unseasonably warm temperatures for the last week," said Tyler McClure of WildSmart. "It's been up at 12, 13, 14, degrees here some of the days."

That warmth is reducing the snowpack, McClure added, particularly in the valley bottoms and even up on some mountain peaks.

The Kananaskis Country Public Safety Section reported this week that temperatures didn't fall below freezing overnight at elevations as high as 2,300 metres.

McClure said human-bear conflicts in January are "very rare" but not unheard of.

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He noted a January 2007 incident in which two Alberta forestry surveyors were seriously

injured by a grizzly in a remote area between Grande Prairie and Grande Cache after accidentally walking over its den and startling the animal.

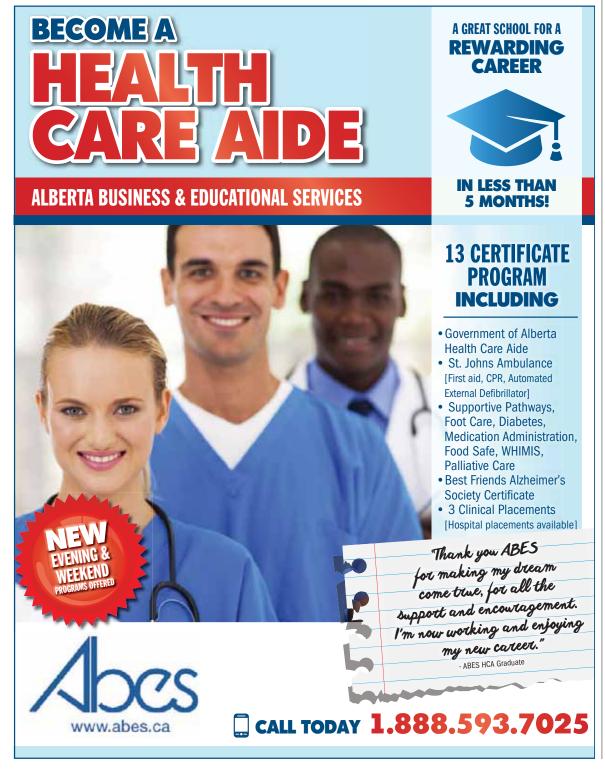
"Grizzly bears tend to den up high in the alpine on northern slopes. They usually look for areas that have lots and lots of snow cover," McClure said. "But the black bears tend to be down in the lower elevations and they don't have as much snow accumulation over top of their dens, so there's a greater likelihood of them feeling the warmth from this week."

He added that bears don't fully hibernate, strictly speaking, but rather bed down for the winter in a state of torpor.

"It's a lower form of hibernation — their heart rate doesn't go down as far, they're not out, they're more kind of asleep," he said. "They can get up. They are easily roused."

The greater concern in the area remains human conflicts with cougars, but McClure said anyone visiting Kananaskis or the mountain parks shouldn't assume bears are out of the picture, just because it's January.

"The thing we're really trying to tell people is they have to stay vigilant, especially at this time of year, with these strange weather patterns," he said. "It can be confusing for us, and it's confusing for wildlife."



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Terminally-ill Calgary father fears daughter will never truly know him

Fundraiser. Community rallies around couple as long-awaited birth date draws near



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In the coming days, Daniel Wesche will pen a journal to his yet-to-be-born daughter, one he hopes she never has to read.

The hope is he'll instead be able to share some life wisdom with her in person and teach her things that only a father would know.

But Wesche's clock is ticking faster than most.

On Jan. 2, he was diagnosed with Grade II Oligodendroglioma, a type of tumour in the frontal right lobe of his brain.

Surgeons were able to go in and remove the bulk of a tumour that had formed but Wesche and his wife Danielle have been told it's only a matter of time before it grows back.

If Daniel defies the odds, he could make it to his daughter's high school graduation; however, the average life expectancy for someone in his situation is 11 years.

Even then, symptoms associated with the tumour include short-term memory loss, vision changes and severe personality changes.

"He'll never make a full recovery," Danielle said through tears. "He's trying so hard to



stay strong for me because he doesn't want me to go into labour.... I am watching my best friend go through an awful, awful time. All I want to do is take away his pain and I

The baby, due to be born in March, is motivation enough for the couple to fight on after all, Danielle suffers from a uterine disorder known as endometriosis and the couple tried for two years to conceive.

Their daughter, whose

"I am watching my best friend go through an awful, awful time. All I want to do is take away his pain and I can't." Daniel Wesche's wife, Danielle

name the Wesches have yet to settle on, is due March 27.

Daniel doesn't like to talk much about what lies ahead, but said he's "terrified" that his daughter will never truly know

"You never think something like this will happen to you," he said. "It makes you feel small and appreciate life a whole lot more. I look at things a lot differently now.'

The couple, albeit devastat-

ed, is not alone. Friends have organized an online fundraising campaign and, over just two weeks, 140 donors have contributed a total of \$13,360.

"There's absolutely no words to describe how grateful we are," Danielle said. "Neither of us are able to work right now. These people don't want any recognition for this — it absolutely blows my mind."

To contribute, search "Daniel Wesche - Fund the Fight' at gofundme.com.

Red Deer

Police seek man who tried to take photos in women's washroom

Police are looking for a man they say snuck into a women's washroom in Red Deer and tried to take photos of a woman in a

The woman told police she saw a man's hand holding a cellphone poke under the stall door.

When she confronted him, he claimed he had mistakenly entered the wrong washroom and provided her with a false name and phone number "in an unsuccessful effort to allay her suspicions," Red Deer RCMP said in a release.

The woman then contacted security and police but the suspect fled before officers arrived.

Police released a composite sketch of the suspect Thursday. He is described as a white male with a short, groomed beard. He was wearing a dark jacket and sweater, a light-coloured toque, blue jeans and white shoes at the time of the incident, which occurred between 7:30 and 8 p.m. on Jan. 14 at the Collicutt Centre in Red Deer. metro





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The Calgary-West PC Association is seeking nominations for individuals interested in becoming the candidate to represent the constituency and the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta in the upcoming election. The nomination period to obtain information, complete the nomination papers, and pay the nomination fee will commence today, January 30th 2015 and will close at 10:00 AM MST on February 7th 2015. The nomination meeting (if necessary) will be held at 9:00am - 1:00pm on February 21st - at MENNO SIMON SCHOOL - 7000 Elton Drive SW. Voters shall be members in good standing of the PCAA, must ordinarily reside in Calgary-West, be a Canadian citizen and be at least 14 years of age. When voting, members must show a PCAA Membership card, and two (2) pieces of identification, at least one of which must be photo identification. The boundaries of Calgary-West are Bow Tr/12ave (north), Sarcee Tr (east), 101st (west) and Elbow river (south). Interested parties may obtain further information, sets of nomination papers and details of the nomination process from the Nomination Chairperson Ryan Carter at 403-830-4480.



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Chief defends troops directing airstrikes

Military. Top soldier says Canadian involvement is not a 'combat' role and falls within mission mandate

Canada's top soldier says he authorized troops to help Iraqi security forces target Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) fighters, but denies that can strictly speaking be called a "combat" role.

Speaking before a parliamentary committee on Thursday, Chief of Defence Staff Tom Lawson told MPs that Canadian Forces have operated within their noncombat mandate, even while directing CF-18 airstrikes.

Lawson told the committee

By the number

63%

A new poll shows support remains strong for CF-18 air strikes in Iraq. The poll, released by Forum Research, found that 63 per cent of Canadians somewhat or strongly approve the Conservatives' decision to send six CF-18 fighter jets for airstrikes in Iraq.

he "had not anticipated" Canadian special forces would be in a position to safely direct airstrikes when he ruled them out last October.

Lawson, flanked by Defence Minister Rob Nicholson and Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, found himself in the middle of a war of words about the precise role of Canada's fight against ISIL.

For the government, the

mission has "evolved" since it was approved by Parliament — without the support of the opposition NDP and Liberals late last year.

This evolution, for the Conservatives, explains why Canadian soldiers found themselves under fire on the front lines three separate times, despite a mission limited to advising and assisting Iraqi troops.

For the opposition, Canada's role in the fight against ISIL has not been defined, no budget has been released and no clear goal outside of "degrading and destroying" the self-proclaimed caliphate has been outlined.

Frustration among opposition MPs was evident, in the face of Conservative backbenchers suggesting they're insufficiently behind the troops for asking those questions.

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Joel Ifergan stands beside a copy of his lottery ticket Thursday at his home in Montreal. The Supreme Court of Canada refused to hear his case claiming he is owed \$13 million for having the winning numbers, though the ticket was printed seven seconds after the deadline. Ifergan bought two lottery tickets in May 2008, but the one with the eventual winning combination popped out of the terminal seven seconds after the 9 p.m. deadline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Politics

Omnibus bill to expand anti-terror powers

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will unveil Friday details of an omnibus bill that will enact two new laws, and make amendments to the criminal code, the CSIS Act, the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act among a host of others.

It's not clear whether the Conservatives are prepared to boost the budgets of national security agencies, a key focus of Opposition criticism, as it moves to bring in a raft of new anti-terror powers. The government put the Commons on notice that funding will attach to the measures, but a senior government official said it shouldn't be interpreted as new funding, rather is intended to provide authority to spend for a new purpose.

However, the Official Opposition insists the question of resources is the main one, and it is skeptical of the need for new laws.

Harper has chosen the riding of Richmond Hill to make the long-awaited announcement, flanked by Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney and Justice Minister Peter MacKay at the same time the bill itself is tabled in Parliament.

Harper will press the need to increase information-sharing among federal departments and agencies, authorize CSIS to disrupt or diminish threats earlier in an investigation, deter and order the removal of online content that promotes terrorism, enhance no-fly" rules for airline travelers deemed a risk, and lower the evidentiary threshold to issue peace bonds — courtordered restrictions on a person's liberty and communications. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Cold War. Gorbachev warns West of Hot War

Ex-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev says the confrontation between Russia and the West could spill into allout war.

More than 5,100 people have been killed in a bloody conflict in eastern Ukraine between government troops and pro-Russian separatists. Ukraine accuses Russia of aiding the separatists while Russia says the West is behind Ukraine's attempts to retake the rebel-held areas.

Gorbachev, in comments

to the Interfax news agency, said Thursday the West has "dragged" Russia into a new Cold War and warned of risks of a military confrontation.

"I can no longer say that this Cold War will not lead to a 'Hot War.' I fear that they could risk it," he was quoted as saying.

Gorbachev was one of the architects of the peaceful dismantling of communist rule in eastern Europe.

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Malaysia

Government declares Flight 370 an accident

Malaysia's government formally declared still-missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 an accident on Thursday and said all those on board were presumed dead, paving the way for compensation claims but angering victims' families still waiting for evidence of the plane's fate.

Ĉivil aviation chief Azharuddin Abdul Rahman said the search for the jet would continue and "remains a priority." The Boeing 777 disappeared on March 8, 2014, while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board.

The plane is believed to have crashed in the southern Indian Ocean, off the coast of western Australia. No confirmed debris has ever been found. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Loved ones plead for pilot, journalist held by ISIL

Jordan. Prisoner swap would run counter to government's stance on extremism

The father of a Jordanian fighter pilot and the wife of a Japanese journalist held by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) pleaded for their loved ones' lives after a possible prisoner swap wasn't carried out by a deadline of sunset Thursday.

The extremists had demanded that Jordan release a female al-Qaida prisoner from death row, and they purportedly threatened in an audio message to kill the airman if she was not freed by the dead-line.

After sundown in the Middle East, there was no word on the fate of Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh and journalist Kenji Goto, and the families' agonizing wait dragged on.

"We received no assurances from anyone that he is alive," Jawdat al-Kaseasbeh, a brother of the pilot, told The Associated Press. "We have no clue about where the negotiations stand now. We are waiting, just waiting."

The possibility of a swap was raised Wednesday when Jordan said it was willing to trade Sajida al-Rishawi, the al-Qaida prisoner, for the pilot.

However, the audio message purportedly posted by ISIL only said the pilot would be killed if al-Rishawi was not delivered to the Turkish border by the deadline. There was no mention of Goto and no word on whether the pilot would be traded for the woman. The authenticity of the recording could not be verified independently by The Associated Press.

On Thursday afternoon, Jordan's government spokesman, Mohammed al-Momani, signalled that, in any case, a swap was on hold because the hostage-takers had not delivered



proof the pilot is still alive.

Al-Rishawi, 44, faces death by hanging for her role in a suicide bombing, one of three simultaneous attacks on Amman hotels in November 2005 that killed 60 people. She survived because her belt of explosives didn't detonate. She initially confessed, but later recanted, saying she was an unwilling participant.

Al-Rishawi, who is from the Iraqi city of Ramadi, has close family ties to the Iraqi branch of al-Qaida, a precursor of ISIL. Three of her brothers were al-Qaida operatives killed in fighting in Iraq.

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Toronto teen a student of the investing game

Stock market.

Brandon Fleisher, 17, has doubled his initial \$50k investment over the course of one year



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Call him the pup of Bay Street. At 17, Brandon Fleisher understands the ins and outs of stock markets like a, well, wolf.

The Grade 12 student at Toronto's Upper Canada College has, within a year, doubled his initial investment of \$50,000. He also started a company through which he offers free analysis of different stocks and markets.

Fleisher picked up an interest in the world of stock exchanges when he was in Grade 8.

"In a math class, we all had to pick a stock and grow the most out of it by the end of the year," he said. "I did very well, then started playing virtual stock-exchange games with fake money, and it really gave me the thrill."

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"I worked really hard to gain the trust from my parents to invest real money in my portfolio."

Brandon Fleisher, student and investing whiz

Not too long after, Fleisher started spending entire days combing through companies' financial reports and studying balance sheets.

It took about two years of balancing school workload and his passion for running a virtual portfolio before he got the chance to invest real money. Fascinated by his success and skills in the markets, Fleisher's parents gave him money to setup an account with a broker.

"I worked really hard to gain the trust from my parents to invest the real money in my portfolio," he said, explaining that he was making big profits in the fake money trade, where he invested in Netflix and Tesla

He has since broadened his network of investors, and his company, The Financial Bulls, is now operated with him as



CEO and other people his age offering financial advice.

So what's the secret to his success? Fleisher said it's simple: Find companies that are growing and profitable and have the patience to stay invested for a good while.

It also helps if you're a bit of a whiz kid too.

"I really do like investing. I don't really see it as a burden," he said. "When I am doing investments, it's not as if I need to take a break at any point at all"

Super Bowl. CRTC moves to ban subbing of U.S. ads

Canada's broadcast regulator is banning the substitution of Canadian advertisements for American ads during the Super Bowl.

The decision won't take effect in time for this Sunday's game, but it could be in place for next year if Bell Media—the rights holder for the 2016 event—waives its rights to switch ads.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission says the new rule will be officially in place for the 2017 Super Bowl.

TV networks will still be allowed to simultaneously substitute advertising on programming broadcast on local TV stations, but not specialty channels.

CRTC chairman Jean-Pierre Blais also warns that penalties could be imposed on broadcasters if the ad switching disrupts programming enough for viewers to complain.

In a speech to a London, Ont., business gathering to-day, Blais also announced that broadcasters will lose the ability to switch ads, along with mandatory carriage privileges on cable and satellite services, if they shut down transmitters that allow Canadians access to free, over-the-air TV signals.

Blais also announced today the CRTC is ordering Bell Mobility and Videotron to stop giving their own mobile television services an unfair advantage over other Internet services.

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PSYCHICS



Keystone XL

U.S. Senate passes bill approving Canadian pipeline

Long-suffering supporters of the Keystone XL pipeline won a moral victory in the U.S. Congress on Thursday — but that's about all they won.

A bill to build the oil pipeline from Canada was approved by the Senate for the first time in the almost seven-year struggle over one of the best-known, most-debated pieces of oil infrastructure

in memory.

Previous efforts to approve the pipeline crashed into the notoriously high hurdle for getting anything through the U.S. Congress's upper chamber. Thanks to a newly empowered Republican majority, the legislation finally cleared that three-fifths requirement Thursday in a vote of 62-36.

Now the reality check: It's still not a law. It stands almost no chance of becoming one. And that's because it didn't get the 67 votes required to overcome a presidential veto. THE CANDIAN PRESS

Economy

Canadian dollar slips to lowest point since 2009

The Canadian dollar hit fresh multi-year lows below the 80-cent US level Thursday against an American currency that strengthened on growing conviction the U.S. Federal Reserve will move to hike rates sooner rather than later.

The loonie shed 0.57 of a cent to 79.3 cents US, its lowest level since late March 2009.

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How young is too young to learn about sexual consent in Canadian schools?

That's the big debate in Ontario this week, after Premier Kathleen Wynne announced kids as young as six will soon be learning about how body language and facial expressions relate to consent as part of an overhaul to the province's decades-old sex-ed curriculum.

It's unclear if the lessons will be taught verbally or through finger painting, but what's for sure is that it will be taught — and hurray for that. I consent to consent ed!

Unlike some more progressive provinces whose sex-ed programs have been updated in the past decade, Ontario's was developed in 1998 when cellphones were just shoebox-sized devices used by rich people on TV. The last time the province tried to update the program, it got shelved because of objections from religious groups. The debate was recently reignited when two eighth-graders, Lia Valente and Tessa Hill, started a Change. org petition to get the notion of consent discussed in health class.

That's not to say that hot topics of late like Jian Ghomeshi, Bill Cosby and Rehtaeh Parsons haven't played a part in creating an environment that made this kind of thing seem necessary. If Ghomeshi had been taught about consent from the age of six, maybe he wouldn't currently be awaiting trial; or maybe he's just a sociopath, but it would have been worth a try, wouldn't it?

Not everyone thinks so. Every time the topic of sex education in Ontario schools comes up, there's a backlash featuring a lot of tired, outdated, head-in-the-sand objections from conservatives.

In fact, in 2010, then-Premier Dalton Mc-Guinty tried to push a similar program forward but kowtowed to pressure from people such as Charles McVety, head of Canada Christian College, who started a petition against the proposed curriculum and got over 100,000 signatures — McGuinty withdrew the lesson plans. I'm hoping Wynne has bigger ovaries than McGuinty. McVety is all hot and bothered (angry, not aroused) this time around, too.

"We abhor the premier announcing that Ontario's teachers will be forced to teach little children how to give permission ... to engage in sex." I'm abhorred by the fact that a "good" Christian actually thinks teachers will be telling six-year-olds to engage in sex. That is not the plan. As Wynne put it, "Starting right in the ... junior grades, kids will be learning listening skills and helping each

other to pay attention to facial expressions and ... whether somebody is positive or negative or happy or sad."

These are skills one could teach in a number of ways; I don't think any Grade 1 teachers will be digging out the dildos or inflating any sexy blow-up dolls. Consent is applicable in many life situations. I once had a co-worker who enjoyed foisting her "famous rice pilaf" on me — wow, do I ever wish she'd had a lesson in reading facial expressions and for that matter, gag reflexes.

Parents who don't want their kids exposed to the idea of sex at school forget that their kids have another teacher today: The Internet.

Valente and Hill are living in the present, among all the other students from coast-to-coast who can turn on their laptop to watch a gang-bang, under the veil of porn, for sexual entertainment purposes. This stuff makes Penthouse Magazine look like it should be included on the same bookshelf as Goodnight Moon.

Joe Warmington at the Toronto Sun wasn't keen on the fact that Premier Wynne had taken advice from middle-school students.

"A lecture about sex ed from 13-year-olds in a country where legal consent is 16?"

Yes, Joe! That's the point. The fact that 13-year-olds who are not even legally able to consent already know that consent, or lack of it, is an issue today is indicative of the fact that there's a really big problem. Like, come on. McVety and Warmington aren't alone in their disdain for this development.

Reading blogs and comments on news articles and social media, one will see a lot of sentiments like, "That's too young to start broaching the topic of sex," "Schools should only teach abstinence," "Leave it to the parents to teach kids about sex."

Well, those ideas are all fine and dandy if you live where the Care Bears live, but we live on Earth among humans who can at times be ignorant and dangerous.

And can we take it, from recent events, that parents are teaching their kids about consent? To a parent who wants to do it themselves, I ask this: While you might be teaching your daughter about consent, what if your neighbour is not teaching his son the same principles?

Correction

In a Voices column published on Jan. 29, Metro mis-identified the authors of a study on terrorism. The authors were from the universities of Ottawa and Toronto, and the co-authors were from the universities of B.C. and Waterloo. Metro regrets the error.

Happy face/Sad face

From endangered delicacies to adopt-a-cockroach programs, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



SALAMANDER SAGA

Police in Shenzhen, China, are in the hot seat for allegedly chowing down on — of all things — endangered salamander at a lavish banquet. Journalists who claim to have caught the feast on camera say they were subsequently beaten up. Fourteen officers have been suspended pending an investigation.







HE LOVES YOU NOT

The San Francisco Zoo is promoting two unique critters as part of its adopt-an-animal program ahead of Valentine's Day. For \$25 or \$50, people can adopt a hissing cockroach or scorpion, respectively, and have the certificate sent to the person who inspired the adoption ... we're guessing an ex.



DOUBLE DOWN DOG

KFC continues to out-gross itself with the creation of the Double Down Dog: A hot dog wrapped in a fried chicken "bun" and drizzled with, dunno, mustard? Cheese sauce? The "delicacy" was made available only in the Philippines, but if t's popular, who knows — it may show up on menus in Canada. Are you brave enough to try it?





LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Kathy Beitz, a Guelph, Ont. woman who is legally blind, was able to see her newborn son minutes after his birth, thanks to an amazing eyewear device produced by Canadian company eSight. Watch the heartwarming video on YouTube.



PHOTOSHOP FAIL

We're assuming someone at Australian magazine Woman's Day is not a Kate Middleton fan. How else do you explain this horribly photoshopped picture of the inarguably beautiful Duchess of Cambridge? Check out the original photo in the smaller circle.





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January is shaking its bad rap

Analysis. The month formerly known as the place bád movies go to die has offered some surprisingly good fare in recent memory

Traditional wisdom has it that January is a dumping ground for bad movies.

"Everyone is broke after shelling out for Christmas presents," the studios say. The weather is crappy and anyone leaving the house is going to the gym instead of the movies," complain the

That's why clunkers like One for the Money, a Katherine Heigl crime drama with a two per cent Rotten Tomatoes rating and Season of the Witch which saw Nicolas Cage go all medieval on the forces of evil and strain his credibility as an actor - made the lives of critics and audiences miserable on long, cold winter nights in bygone Janu-

Why waste good movies when no one was likely to

Years ago studios threw the odd quality film into the January mix — Traffic, Good Will Hunting, Before Sunrise, Dr. Strangelove and Silence of the Lambs but every good movie like Matinee (92 per cent on RT) was balanced out with a stinker like Body of Evidence and its paltry six per cent rating.

There is still that yin and yang as last week's releases of The Boy Next Door and Mortdecai (two movies that will decorate Worst Of the Year lists) proves,

l Bay strategically chose to release his time-travel story, Project Almana

In Focus RICHARD **CROUSE**

but the tide seems to be changing.

Perhaps that's why Project Almanac, a time-travel drama from producer Michael Bay, moved from a prime July release date to barren January slate.

Surely Bay, as savvy a player as Hollywood wouldn't allow his movie to be tossed out with the

The reason given for the schedule move was that Bay himself wanted to sprinkle some of his Transformers' fairy dust to pump up the film's appeal to young audi-

But it's also apparent that a micro-budget movie like Project Almanac, even with Bay's name attached, could get lost in a summer filled with large-scale offerings like Dawn of the Planet of the Apes, so why

Richard's ratings

Black or White

Project Almanac

Wild Card

A Most Violent Year

not release in a less crowded, but increasingly profitable field?

What used to be a time to fill screens with borderline cheesefests has become a viable month to release a

Last year big crowds braved the polar vortex to help the Kevin Hart comedy Ride Along set a January opening record.

This year the Oscarnominated Selma and Still Alice have opened wide in a month usually reserved for Golden Raspberry win-

Perhaps the biggest story of 2015 so far is the success of Clint Eastwood's Chris Kyle biopic, American Sniper, which has raked in upwards of \$170 million in just two weeks.

The success of that film is as strong an indicator as Hollywood needs that January is no longer a no-go





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Black or White

Director. Mike Binder

Stars. Kevin Costner, Octavia Spencer

Black or White is the story of a grandfather (Kevin Costner) who is suddenly left to care for his beloved granddaughter. When her paternal grandmother (Octavia Spencer) seeks custody with the help of her brother (Anthony Mackie), the girl is torn between two families who love her deeply. With the best intentions at heart, both families fight for what they feel is right and are forced to confront their true feelings about race, forgiveness, and understanding.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Critics: **Audience:**









A Most Violent Year

Director. J.C. Chandor

Stars. Oscar Isaac, Jessica Chastain

Set during the winter of 1981 — statistically one of the most crime-ridden of New York City's history — A Most Violent Year is a drama following the lives of an immigrant and his family as they attempt to capitalize on the American Dream, while the rampant violence, decay, and corruption of the day drag them in and threaten to destroy all they have built.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Critics: Audience:







Project Almanac

Director. Dean Israelite

Stars. Sophia Black-D'Elia, Jonny Weston

A brilliant high school student and his friends uncover blueprints for a mysterious device with limitless potential, inadvertently putting lives in danger.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Critics: **Audience: 78%** No reviews yet



Mortdecai

Director. David Koepp

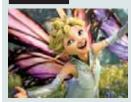
Stars. Johnny Depp, **Gwyneth Paltrow**

Juggling some angry Russians, the British Mi5, his impossibly leggy wife and an international terrorist, debonair art dealer and part-time rogue Charlie Mortdecai (Johnny Depp) must traverse the globe armed only with his good looks and special charm in a race to recover a stolen painting rumoured to contain the code to a lost bank account filled with Nazi gold.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Critics: Audience:



12% 🧰 41%



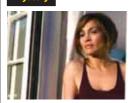
Strange Magic

Director. Gary Rydstrom

Strange Magic is a madcap fairy-tale musical inspired by A Midsummer Night's Dream. Popular songs from the past six decades help tell the tale of a colorful cast of goblins, elves, fairies and imps, and their hilarious misadventures sparked by the battle over a powerful potion.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score **Critics:** Audience: **55%**





The Boy **Next Door**

Director. Neill Fearnley, Rob

Stars. Jennifer Lopez, Ryan Guzman

Jennifer Lopez leads the cast in The Boy Next Door, a psychological thriller that explores a forbidden attraction that goes much too far. Directed by Rob Cohen (The Fast and the Furious) and written by Barbara Curry, the film also stars Ryan Guzman, John Corbett and Kristin Chenoweth.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Critics: **Audience:**



13% 🖮 50%





















Costner film poses tough questions about race

Interview. Actor used his own money to fund a simple story that made him feel 'more empowered'

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Kevin Costner made the racially-charged drama Black or White happen.

In his latest film, he plays Elliot, a recently widowed alcoholic lawyer battling for the custody of his biracial granddaughter, Eloise.

His rival is Rowena (Octavia Spencer), Eloise's paternal grandmother, who thinks she should move from the richest part of Los Angeles to the "black" neighbourhood with her.

But the film doesn't pick sides. "It really impressed me how even-handed the film was," says Costner.

Indeed, every one of Eloise's potential guardians is battling a personal demon



of some kind.

"I just thought it was an honest story from the very first page. I felt like I was reading something really authentic," he adds.

Costner was so drawn to

the script, written by his old The Upside of Anger filmmaker, Mike Binder, that he wound up financing it to ensure it hit the big screen. When no one else came round, he put up his own money — some \$9 million of it. "I was hoping other people would rush to the movie and see the same potential and value in it that I did, but unfortunately that didn't happen," he says.

Quote

"To say you're colourblind is disingenuous. You do see differences. The key is to understand those differences."

Kevin Costner

Not that his character is some white saviour, or even that good. Elliot's battles with Rowena betray his own prejudices.

He thinks Eloise is already "living in one of the safest neighbourhoods in L.A.," he boasts, and shouldn't move to Rowena's part of the city.

"Elliot was comfortable in that environment, visiting and socializing with Eloise's family, but he instinctually still thought his granddaughter would be safer with him," says Costner.

Still, the movie subtly condemns his stance.

"Racism doesn't have to be overt. This is where the veil of racism is lifted, when he thinks she wouldn't be safe in that 'other' neighbourhood.

"But Elliot travels far in this movie and comes to understand himself better," he adds.

It was a bit of a parallel for Costner who adds that examining those covert attitudes in a narrative made him feel "more empowered."

"People say they're colour-blind when they want to explain they are without prejudice. But to say you're colour-blind is disingenuous. You do see differences. The key is to understand those differences."

The tale may not have been epic enough for big Hollywood studios to take notice, but Costner hopes that audiences will at least be surprised by the film and the things it says.

"It's a simple story about life," he says.

"It doesn't solve anything. It's about the well-being of a child and what's best for the child and race shouldn't be rolled into those sorts of things."





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Kinky sex can be funny, disturbing or loving

Sinful sizzle. Movies that explore the world of alternative sexuality often tell deeper tales of human connection

CHRIS ALEXANDER

While negatively reviewing Ken Russell's wildly kinky 1984 thriller Crimes of Passion, the late, great Roger Ebert said, "sex is an activity of great and serious importance to its participants but, as a spectator sport, it has a strange way of turning into comedy."

Certainly, Russell, enfant terrible that he was, took great delight in orchestrating scenes of graphic, unnatural S&M sexuality in that bizarre film. But Crimes of Passion was not camp.

It was really just one of many controversial motion pictures that use extreme kink as a tool to tell deeper tales of extreme human connection.

With the release of Peter Strickland's deeply kinky romance The Duke of Burgundy, opening soon across Canada, and the filmed adaptation of E.L James' Fifty Shades of Grey opening on Valentine's Day weekend, we take a look at some of the big screen's most excessive forays into alternative carnal knowledge.

The Night Porter (1974)

Liliana Cavani's dark, controversial sado-masochistic drama is as demented as they come, detailing an ongoing relationship between a concentration camp survivor played by Charlotte Rampling and her former Nazi captor. Love stories don't get stranger than this. And yes, Ebert hated it.

Blue Velvet (1986)

David Lynch's masterpiece of small-town mystery and murder is, at its core, an S&M love triangle. But while Dennis Hopper's wheezing villain Frank Booth treats Isabella Rossellini as an outlet



for his violent insanity, her masochistic lovemaking with Kyle McLachlan is tender and affectionate. A work of great beauty — and perversity.

Exit to Eden (1994) Sitcom king Gary Marshall takes Anne Rice's moving and hyper-erotic sado-masochistic romance novel and, seemingly agreeing with Ebert's sentiments, flips it into a sex-soaked slapstick comedy, inventing goofball roles for Rosie O'Donnell and Dan Akroyd as leather-clad cops snooping around an S&M resort, and decimating the dirty dignity of the book. Rice was none too pleased.

Nymphomaniac (2014) Lars von Trier's magnum

The Duke of Burgundy

Peter Strickland's gorgeously designed and directed master-slave lesbian romance is a delicate, surreal examination of an older intellectual and her youthful protégée, with the older woman trying to hold on to her lover by indulging in her basest perverted fantasies. Although decidedly adult, there is refreshingly no nudity or explicit sex in the film. Never has the idea of a human toilet seemed so innocent. A must-see.

pornographic opus is in essence an inspiring study in female empowerment, although one exploding with jaw-dropping sequences of mind-bending kinky sex and violence. Charlotte Gainsbourg delivers the performance of a lifetime, even when using her body as a receptacle for some of the most extreme debauchery ever seen on screen.





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Meet the Project Almanac cast

Think you've seen these faces somewhere before? Here, we give you the lowdown on the young actors in producer Michael Bay's new time-travel drama — and tell you where they're all likely to pop up next



The actor: Sam Lerner The role: Quinn, the loudmouth comic-relief pal with some ideas about how to abuse their time-travelling powers. Where you've seen him **before:** On the brilliant, but cancelled, Suburgatory and in the L.A. indie Nobody Walks. Where you'll see him next: Continuing to pop up on The Goldbergs and in the thriller Stripped of Innocence.

The actor: Virginia Gardner The role: Christina, David's younger sister and the group's go-to camera operator.

Where you've seen her before: Here and there on shows like Glee, The Goldbergs and

Where you'll see her next: The coming-of-age drama Good





The actor: Jonny Weston The role: David, the brainiac hero of the story with some unresolved issues about his dad's mysterious death. Where you've seen him before: Catching waves in Chasing Mavericks and romancing Juliette Lewis in Kelly & Cal. Where you'll see him next: Joining the YA dystopia in Insurgent and opposite Zac Efron in We Are Your Friends.

The actor: Sofia Black-D'Elia The role: Jessie Pierce, the hottest and coolest girl in school. Everybody loves her.

Where you've seen her before: On television in the U.S. version of Skins and here and there on Gossip Girl.

Where you'll see her next: Fighting an outbreak in Viral and going biblical in Ben-Hur.





The actor: Allen Evangelista The role: Adam, David's other comic-relief pal, though less loudmouthed and comic than

Where you've seen him before: On television in The Secret Life of the American Teenager and Zoey 101.

Where you'll see him next: He just popped up again on Brooklyn Nine-Nine, which could become a regular thing.



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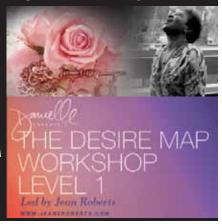
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Weekend of music. Charli XCX playing three Super Bowl gigs

Grammy-nominated forming a set at ESPN's singer Charli XCX is one of Super Bowl week's most sought-after acts, with at least unree performances scheduled.

The pop singer is singing for troops Friday night at Luke Air Force base and per-

bash later that night. On Saturday, she'll perform for partygoers at Rolling Stone's bash.

The ESPN party on Friday will be a hub for some of the weekend's biggest names in pro sports and entertain-

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Also scheduled to make appearances at the show are Frozen star Idina Menzel, who will sing the national anthem at Sunday's game and John Legend, who will sing America the Beautiful before kickoff.

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For many Super Bowl parties, you've got to know someone to get inside. Rihanna headlines one

of the weekend's biggest private concerts, DirecTV's Super Saturday Night, which has previously featured performances by Jay-Z and Beyoncé, Justin Timberlake, and this year's halftime performer, Katy Perry.

Rolling Stone, Maxim and Playboy magazines are among the invite-only parCarnival to the stars

Some celebrities and athletes will also get to indulge their inner child at Neon Carnival, a starfriendly event that features rides, games and dance music — and a stringent guest list.

ties this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Celebs converge on Phoenix

The desert is great for stargazing, and that will certainly be the case as the Super Bowl takes over Phoenix and its suburbs.

Comedians Joel McHale and Kevin Hart will crack jokes for partygoers, and Jamie Foxx and Drake will hold court at a pair of lounges at a swanky Scottsdale

Hear Katy Perry roar

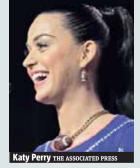
Katy Perry says her Super Bowl halftime performance will make you Roar — with animals.

The singer told reporters at a press conference Thursday that her performance Sunday will include "a lion and sharks.

Perry, 30, said she feels blessed to perform on the Super Bowl stage "at such a young age." She said she enjoyed past Super Bowl performances from Beyoncé and Madonna, and what she adds "is some lightheartedness."

Lenny Kravitz will join the pop star who said her performance will also include an "old-school" female singer.

When asked if Perry had been checking out football players this week, she imitated Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn



Lynch, saying: "I'm just here so I don't get fined."

Music for the masses

Performances by top artists aren't just for gala or party invitees. Several paid concerts are scheduled for the days before the game.

DirecTV hosts a threeday music festival that culminates with a Friday night show featuring Snoop Dogg and Imagine Dragons. Performers on other days include the Zac Brown Band, Calvin Harris and Jason Derulo.

Twelve blocks of downtown Phoenix are being transformed into the Verizon Super Bowl Central, a free area with NFL-themed attractions and nightly fireworks shows. Pepsi has set up its Hyped for Halftime Stage which will feature performances by The Roots, Walk the Moon and other acts daily. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Super Bowl ads.

Canadians go online to watch the commercials they can't see on TV



Searching the Internet for the American Super Bowl commercials Canadians don't get on TV on has become a national pastime, but that's about to change.

Five years of Google search data shows that every year, more Canadians search Google for Super Bowl commercials than Americans and our searches outnumber our giant neighbour to the south the most around game day, when Canadian broadcasters have been subbing out splashy American ads for Canadian ones.

That hunger for American ads is why the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission announced Thursday it will stop Canadian broadcasters from subbing in Canadian ads for American ones during the Super Bowl as of 2017.

Super Bowl as of 2017.

"The best commercials are coming from the U.S. where they have more skin in the game, given what they're paying for advertising," said Kenneth Wong, Professor of Marketing at Queen's School of Business.

"In fact, many of the Canadian ads shown at the Super Bowl are just regular ads, nothing special done for the Super Bowl."

In the meantime, it's become more important for Super Bowl ads to make the most of the buzz online, he said. More companies are making "teasers," which are essentially online ads for their



Super Bowl ads.

For example, Victoria's Secret filmed an online spot of its models playing football that is just as a teaser for its main ad during the game.

"When you're spending \$4.5 million on a single exposure of a national ad, you want to do everything possible to make sure that ad is seen by people," Wong said. "So, you make an ad for an ad."

More than 70-million total minutes of Super Bowl ads — and teasers for ads — have been watched on YouTube so far, which is nearly triple the amount watched by this time last year. Coorde reports

amount watched by this time last year, Google reports.
According to Cheri Bradish, research chair in sport marketing, Ted Rogers School of Management, the immense popularity of online Super Bowl ads goes hand-inhand with a shift away from

5 ads worth talking about

In general, ads released online so far are on par in terms of quality, but with less emphasis on high production value than in recent years, said Wong. He believes companies find using celebrities in their ads — such as Kim Kardashian and Pierce Brosnan — a more effective way to create an impact.

Kia Sorento. Pierce Brosnan stars as himself and gets

lampooned when offered an acting part: Where he's expecting action, it's a more mundane car ad. "It's a perfect counterpoint to his James Bond image," said Wong.

 T-Mobile. Kim Kardashian, satirizes herself advertising a feature that allows
 T-Mobile users to save the data allowance they didn't use in a month by talking, deadpan, about all of the pictures of her they could be using it on.

 Wix.com. Wong's pick for best ad so far. Retired football players use Wix.com to easily build websites to jumpstart their wacky choices of second careers. For example, Brett Farve gets into charcuterie, and builds favreandcarve.com, which exists in real life.

- Carl's Jr. This ad showing model Charlotte McKinney walking apparently naked through a farmers market has faced criticism for using sex to sell burgers.
- GoDaddy. GoDaddy pulled its ad featuring a puppy mill using GoDaddy to host its website after it caused an outrage among tweeting animal rights activists

watching sports on TV to watching sports on other platforms.

"The paradigm is clearly shifted in how consumers, particularly young consumers, are consuming sports," she said.



CALGARY-HAYS PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

The Calgary-Hays PC Association is seeking nominations for individuals interested in becoming the candidate to represent the constituency and the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta in the upcoming election. The nomination period to obtain information, complete the nomination papers, and pay the nomination fee will commence, Friday, January 30, 2015 and will close at 12 pm MST on Saturday, February 7, 2015. The nomination meeting (if necessary) will be held from 12 to 4 pm on February 21, 2015 at McKenzie Towne Hall, 40 McKenzie Towne Blvd SE. Voters shall be members in good standing of the PCAA, must ordinarily reside in Calgary-Hays, be a Canadian citizen, and be at least 14 years of age. When voting, members must show PCAA Membership card, and two (2) pieces of identification, at least one of which must be photo identification. The boundaries of Calgary-Hays are as dictated on www.elections.ab.ca. Interested parties may obtain further information, sets of nomination papers and details of the nomination process from the Nomination Chairperson, Myles Flaig at 403-720-4022.





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Brad and Angie get their act together yet again

Apparently the one thing holding Brad Pitt and Angelina back from trying to recapture that Mr. and Mrs. Smith onscreen magic was not actually being married, since now that they've tied the knot they can't seem to stop working together.
The pair spent their

honeymoon filming the romantic drama By the Sea, which Jolie also directed, and now Pitt is in talks to star in Jolie's next directorial effort, Africa, according to The Wrap.

I guess when she finds an actor she likes, she really sticks with







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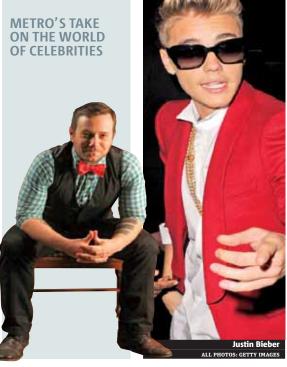








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Bieber says he was just pretending to be a doofus

A recent visit to Ellen apparently prompted Justin Bieber to take to Facebook to record a dimly lit confessional video detailing his personal insecurities about how he's come off over the past year.

And he's just trying to be Justin, guys. "It's been a minute since

I've been in a public appearance, and I didn't want to come off arrogant or conceited — basically how I've been acting the past year, year and a half," he says of his interview with

Ellen DeGeneres.

"I'm not what I was pre-tending to be. Why I say I was pretending is, often we pretend to be something we're not, as a cover-up of what we're truly feeling inside. And there was a lot of feelings going on in there.
... Just being young and growing up in this business is hard. Just growing up in general is hard."

If this is how he reacts to a sit-down with DeGeneres, maybe this whole Comedy Central roast thing isn't such a great idea.



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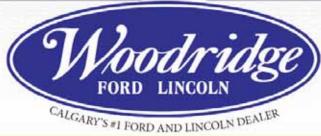














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Ricardo is a Canadian chef, television host and author on a mission: To unite people through the pleasure of food. Discover his delicious and simple recipes every Friday — just in time for the weekend

Cosy meets show-stopping in one dish

Lunch or dinner. Crab Chowder in a Sourdough Bread Bowl makes for an impressive presentation



RICARDO COOKS Chef Ricardo Ricardo Magazine

Hearty, filling and warm: Isn't that what everyone is craving this time of year? This showstopping crab and sourdough, recipe makes a perfect meal soup for a cold winter's day.

1. In saucepan over medium heat, soften leek and carrot in

- 1 leek, white part only, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 1/4 cup (57 g) butter
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup (35 g) flour • 2 cups (500 ml) chicken broth
- 2 cups (500 ml) milk
- 2 cups (330 g) potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3/4 lb (375 g) fresh crab meat OR 3 cans (120 g/4 oz each) crab meat, drained
- 1 cup (135 g) corn kernels
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) 35% cream
- 4 slices bacon, cut crosswise into small pieces
- 4 small round loaves sourdough



butter. Season with salt and pepper. Dust with flour and stir to combine. Add broth and bring to boil while whisking. Add milk, potatoes and thyme.

2. Slowly bring back to boil and simmer gently, frequently scraping bottom of pan, until veggies tender, about 15 minutes. Add crab, corn and cream. Simmer 5 minutes. Remove thyme and adjust seasoning.

3. Meanwhile, in skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels.

4. On clean surface, slice top off each bread loaf. Using fingers, hollow out loaves, leaving 1 inch (2.5 cm) of crumb all around. Ladle hot soup into bread bowls. Sprinkle with bacon bits.

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Chowder's liquid partner



LIQUID ASSETS

Pairing wine with liquidcentric meals can be tricky business — even when it comes to a heartier, proteinbased staple like chowder.

Though populated with chunks of seafood, this classic winter warmer still has fluidity that can water down a wine.

As with any food and wine pairing, use the ingredient that has the most influence in the dish as your guide.

In Chef Ricardo's Crab Chowder recipe, featured this week, it's a combination of the shellfish and the creaminess of the broth.

Both components work best with a white wine.

The apple fruit found in a glass of German Riesling will make a great partner, as would a French or New World Chardonnay, especially one that highlights the grape's rich mouth-feel rather than oak aging.

Louis Latour's 2012 Bourgogne Chardonnay (\$19.95 - \$26.79) is aged in

stainless steel, putting the focus on its bright flavour profile which will work wonders with the recipe's creamy texture and the sweetness of the crab meat. **PRICES** REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

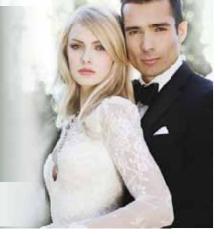


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Seattle Super Seven Dip. Snack for the Seahawks

In a medium bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add the milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until smooth and fluffy. Stir in the sour cream, then set aside.

In a medium skillet over medium, heat 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. Add the onion and cook, stirring frequently, until well browned and caramelized, about 15 to 20 minutes. If the onion begins to stick, add a tablespoon of water and continue to cook. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the cabbage and chives. In another bowl, whisk together the jam, vinegar, a pinch each of salt and pepper, the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, and a splash of hot sauce.

To assemble the dip, spread the crab over the bottom of a large, shallow baking dish. Drizzle with the teriyaki sauce. Spread the whipped cream cheese over the crab, spreading evenly to the edge of the bowl. Spread the caramelized onions evenly over the cream cheese, then top with the chopped smoked mussels. If making ahead, wrap and refrigerate for

- 8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3 tablespoons olive oil • 1 large yellow onion,
- thinly sliced • 2 cups finely grated red
- cabbage
 3 tablespoons finely
- chopped fresh chives
- 3 tablespoons blackberry iam
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- · Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- · Splash of hot sauce
- 16 ounces well-drained crab meat, preferably Dungeness
- 1/2 cup teriyaki sauce
- 6 ounces smoked mussels. lightly chopped

up to 24 hours. When ready to serve, heat the oven to 350 F. Bake for 20 minutes, or until warmed through. Arrange cabbage mixture over the top and drizzle with blackberry vinaigrette. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



crabmeat, cream cheese, caramelized onions, smoked mussels, purple cabbage slaw and blackberry vinaigrette. It takes about 30 minutes to make. The New England dip is made with barbecued pulled pork, sautéed apples and butter. It es about 1-1/2 hours. Both dips serve 16 peo

New England Super Seven Dip. Pig out for the Patriots

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the pork tenderloin with the broth. Bring to a simmer, then cover and cook until very tender, about 45 minutes. Discard the broth. Using 2 forks, shred the meat, then transfer to a medium bowl. Add the barbecue sauce and toss until coated

While the pork cooks, prepare the other ingredients. In a medium bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add the milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until smooth and fluffy. Stir in the sour cream, then set aside.

In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the apples and cook until just tender. In a small bowl, stir together the corn kernels, scallions and hot sauce.

To assemble the dip, spread the corn mixture over the bottom of a large, shallow baking dish. Top with the pork, then with the apples. Spread the whipped cream cheese evenly over the apples, spreading to the edge.

Spoon the baked beans

- 1 pound pork tenderloin, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 3/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 cup thawed corn kernels, well drained
- 3 thinly sliced scallions
- Splash of hot sauce
- 15-ounce can baked
- beans, partially drained • 1 1/2 cups shredded extra-
- sharp cheddar cheese
- 2/3 cup crumbled crispcooked bacon

over the cream cheese, then top with the cheddar and bacon. If making ahead, wrap and refrigerate for up to 24 hours. When ready to serve, heat the oven to 350 F. Bake for 20 minutes, or until warmed through.

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AUTO PREVIEW

Hauling & towing

Chevy Silverado

With the year-old Silverado 1500 series, Chevrolet did its homework and paid close attention to what buyers were looking for to haul and tow their stuff.

It looks familiar, but there are more powerful/efficient engines, as well as improvements in nearly every other area.

In front, the twin stacked headlights remain, but the grille is now much more prominent and tougher looking.

Behind the tailgate, the handy corner step bumper has recessed footholds that, combined with built-in handholds inside the box, make accessing the bed much easier.

All body styles — regular, extended Double Cab (featuring front-hinged rear doors with outside handles) and four-door Crew Cab — are attached to reworked frames with more high-strength steel, extra bracing for stiffness and improved body mounts that help isolate road nose and vibration.

You can order the Crew Cab with a longer 80-inch (203-centimetre) bed (the standard bed is 68 inches/172 centimetres) version



Chevrolet Silverado. CONTRIBUTED

and you will get a choice of three new allaluminum engines.

The entry point is a 4.3-litre V6 that has the same displacement as the previous V6, but output has significantly increased to 285 horsepower and 305 pound-feet of torque from 195/260.

Optional is a 5.3-litre V8 with 355 horses and 383 pound-feet. An available 6.2-litre V8 is rated at 420 horsepower and 440 pound-feet of torque. It shares much of its guts with the Corvette engine and for 2015 also gets the Corvette's eight-speed automatic transmission. The other two engines carry

over with six-speed automatics.

The model range also extends to include a premium High Country model to appeal to wealthy ranchers and city slickers. The best part about this truck is its highly optioned leather interior that places it above the previous top-of-the-line LTZ.

Also available for Silverado's sophomore year is a built-in Wi-Fi hot spot to allow all aboard access to the Internet. There is also Siri Eyes Free, which is Apple's voice-control software that can run many of the vehicle's functions without the driver taking their hands off the steering wheel. — Wheelbase Media

out 360 horsepower and 380 pound-feet of

torque. Chevrolet also offers a bi-fuel ver-

sion of the 6.0 that can be switched from

drops to 301 horses and 333 pound-feet of

For serious grunt, there is the optional

6.6-litre turbo-diesel V8 rated at 397 horse-

power and 765 pound-feet of torque. Both

engines use six-speed automatic transmis-

sions: A GM-developed Hydramatic comes

with the 6.0; and the turbo-diesel employs

Chevy includes its "smart exhaust brake system" to the turbo-diesel that, when coast-

ing, holds compressed exhaust gases inside the engine's cylinders, creating resistance,

which in turn slows down the truck without

touching the brakes. The result is less wear and tear on the brake hardware and greater

control for the driver, especially when haul-

Since the uses for an HD pickup vary greatly, the standard and optional HD

ing or towing heavy loads downhill.

gasoline to natural gas, although power



Chevrolet Colorado. CONTRIBUTED

COLORADO HAS PLENTY TO OFFER

General Motors gets its mid-size groove back after a two-model-year absence with extended and crew cabs.

For hard-working, hard-playing people with moderate towing and hauling requirements, it doesn't get much better than the new Chevrolet Colorado and close facsimile GMC Canyon pickups.

Both return for 2015 (they were phased out after the 2012 model year) in bigger and more powerful forms, but remain smaller and less capable than the full-size Chevy Silverado/GMC Sierra.

Still, for many pickup fans, they have plenty to offer, whether it's the four-door extended cab with a five-foot-two-inch (157-centimetre) box, or the four-door crew cab that comes with a four-foot-two-inch (127-centimetre) or available five-foot-two-inch (157-centimetre) bed. There is no regular cab model available.

Each cab style can be had with a 200-horsepower, 2.5-litre four-cylinder, or optional 305-horsepower V6.

A six-speed manual transmission is standard with the 2.5, while a six-speed automatic is optional, but standard with the V6.

Interestingly, the V6 comes very close to matching the four-cylinder in the I/100 km department (11.9 city and 8.8 highway for the four-cylinder versus 13.0/9.2 for rear-wheel-drive models). It's also the one to buy when hauling payloads up to 725 kilograms or towing up to 3,175 kilograms (double the 2,5's capacity).

Colorados can be had in base, WT (Work Truck), LT and Z71 4x4 trim levels. The latter is equipped with an off-road suspension package, locking rear differential, all-terrain rubber, automatic transmission and hill-descent control.

All Colorados come with a corner step rear bumper (no need for an external stair to access the bed), a locking tailgate and two-tier loading that, by sliding braces and a platform that you supply, creates two separate cargo areas.

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CHEVY BEEFS UP THE SILVERADO HD

Chevrolet's 2500 and 3500 series heavy-duty trucks are intended to be hard-working commercial rigs. That's why the stuff they haul is called "payload." since someone is most likely writing the HD owner/operator a cheque for transporting some heavy and/or valuable gear.

The usual cab styles return, but the

Chevrolet Silverado HD. CONTRIBUTED

extended cab is replaced by a new doublecab with rear doors that are hinged at the front. As well, both the five-foot-six-inch (167-centimetre) and eight-foot cargo (243-centimetre) beds have a built-in recessed step at each corner for easier access.

All HD powertrains return unaltered for 2015. The base 6.0-litre gasoline V8 puts



equipment on the WT (Work Truck), LT and LTZ trim levels is tremendous.

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ATS SPORTY DEMEANOUR SHINES

While Cadillac's entry-level ATS has earned critical praise for its no-bull approach to performance, it has taken a couple years to introduce its first variant: A coupe.

The new two-door shares the same wheelbase with the sedan, but obviously gets its own sheet metal from the firewall back. And while the sedan and coupe do share a new grille with the revised Cadillac badge, the coupe is slightly more aggressive. The coupe also uses a wider track (the space between the left and right wheels) and unique fenders to hide the standard 18-inch wheels (versus 17-inchers on the sedan.)

Both are smaller than the CTS, but where the ATS family really excels is its light 1,550-kilogram curb weight. Part of the dieting process involves an aluminum hood, natural-fibre door panels and magnesium engine-mount brackets.

Although the ATS is available with a relatively potent 321-horsepower 3.6-litre V6, Cadillac is making available two additional four-cylinder offerings. Base sedans get a 202-horsepower 2.5-litre unit, while a 2.0-litre



Cadillac ATS coupe. CONTRIBUTED

turbocharged four-cylinder is standard in the coupe and optional on the sedan. The turbo's 272 horsepower is unaltered, but now boasts 295 pound-feet of torque (versus 260 before), trumping similarly sized turbo-fours employed in the Audi A4 and BMW 3 Series.

All power plants are mated to six-speed automatic transmissions (required when

adding the optional all-wheel-drive on all but base four-bangers), but in keeping with its performance nature (and to sway Euro sedan fans) the turbo engine is available with a sixspeed manual.

Regardless of drivetrain, the ATS's sporty demeanour can be amplified with an optional suspension package that includes larger Brembo-brand brakes and magnetic ride control that constantly adjusts the suspension characteristics according to road conditions and driver input.

The ATS is offered with CUE (Cadillac User Experience) that manages the car's voice-activated communications, infotainment, and mobile devices through an eight-inch touch screen. The ATS would seem to be matching its competitors stride for stride in safety with up to 10 airbags plus an array of the latest in collision-avoidance software/gear. New features for 2015 include optional wireless phone charging and standard in-car OnStarbased 4G LTE Internet connectivity and Wi-Fi hot spot so passengers can stay connected to their wireless devices. — Wheelbase Media



Cadillac ELR. CONTRIBUTED

AN ELECTRIC SUPERSTAR

The Chevrolet Volt's tumultuous history aside, it does make sense for GM to spread the humongous development costs out among other cars, hence one reason why Cadillac sells the ELR.

While under the skin there is a lot of commonality between the ELR and the Volt, they are wholly different products geared to very different audiences. Cadillac prices start at close to \$80,000, which makes it substantially more expensive than the Volt, of course.

The ELR clearly goes way beyond simply providing an electric platform and competent transportation, which are the Volt's two main claims to fame. The ELR was actually designed to be a "halo" car — a superstar — that show's Cadillac's design and technology capabilities.

So what's so great about the ELR? In a word, style. The ELR is essentially a production version of the Converj Concept, which was the star of the 2009 Detroit auto show in Detroit. As such, the dramatic angularity

of the Converj was completely maintained.

More importantly, perhaps, GM seems to have received the message that the interior is the last place you want to cut corners. On the inside, there are two available interior trims, including an optional Opus semi-aniline leather seating package. Real wood trim is prominently featured, along with optional carbon fibre.

ELR is powered by a 154-horsepower electric motor (207 total system horsepower), which also puts out 295 pound-feet of torque right from a standstill. That's up from the Volt's 149/273 numbers. The ELR accelerates to 60 mph (96 km/h) from zero in about eight seconds, which is a full second quicker than the Volt

The ELR has a range on electric-only power of about 56 kilometres, which is a bit less than the Volt's, and has a range of more than 480 kilometres when the gasoline 1.4-litre four-cylinder engine cuts in to act as an electric generator.

– Wheelbase Media

Luxury-laden Escalade

For those who enjoy living — and driving — large, Cadillac has the ultimate juggernaut. The all-new Escalade and extended-size Escalade ESV are more like luxury staterooms or penthouses on wheels.

In the Escalade's case, first class combines maximum comfort and performance, along with rugged all-road capability.

Compared to the regular-length Escalade, the ESV is 20 inches longer overall and has a 14-inch wheelbase advantage. That translates into a considerable gain in cargo space with both rear seats folded or with the standard third-row seat in place.

The new sheet metal and massively shaped grilles actually make both Escalades look smaller somehow. The illusion of a trimmer, slimmer wagon is remarkable.

Keeping the Escalade duo running strong is a new Chevrolet-Corvette-based 6.2-litre V8 that generates 420 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque. The engine incorporates direct fuel injection and is rather potent, even in a big machine such as the Escalade. Cadillac claims the Escalade can dash to 60 mph from rest in less than six seconds, but rear-wheel-drive fuel efficiency has increased slightly to 15 mpg in the city and 21 mpg on the highway (previously 14/18).

A new four-wheel-drive unit system optional in regular-length and ESV Escalades can be left in fully automatic mode, or in manually selected 4 HI for added traction in mud and snow conditions.

All Escalades come with tri-zone climate control, heated and cooled front seats and heated second-row seats, power-folding third-row seat, navigation system and a 16-speaker Bose-brand audio package. You could spend less money on a similarly sized alternative from Chevrolet or GMC, but for anyone with the means and the inclination, the luxury-laden Escalade is simply too big to miss — in more ways than one. — Wheelbase Media



Cadillac Escalade. CONTRIBUTED



Step into a big-rig Sierra HD

Selecting a big-rig Sierra over a similar Chevrolet Silverado HD mostly boils down to which body style you prefer since both pickups are identical beneath their new-for-2015 shiny sheet metal.

However, one other important difference is that the GMC offers the luxury-laden Denali crew cab, in addition to the base, SLE and SLT trim levels. Chevrolet doesn't.

The usual cab styles return, but the extended cab is replaced by a new double cab with rear doors that are hinged at the front. Both the 66-inch and 96-inch cargo boxes have been strengthened and the rear bumper has built-in recessed steps at the corners for easier bed access.

All HD powertrains return unaltered for 2015. The base 6.0-litre gasoline V8 puts out 360 horsepower and 380 pound-feet of torque. It can be optioned with a compressednatural-gas fuel system, although you lose 59 horsepower and 47 pound-feet in the process.

For serious grunt work, there is the optional 6.6-litre turbo-diesel V8 rated at 397 horsepower and 765 pound-feet of torque. Both employ six-speed automatic transmissions: A GM-developed Hydramatic comes with the 6.0; and the turbo-diesel employs an Allison-built unit.

Chevy mates its "smart exhaust brake system" to the turbo diesel that, when the vehicle is coasting, holds compressed exhaust gases inside the engine's cylinders, creating resistance, which in turn slows down the truck without



GMC Sierra HD. CONTRIBUTED

touching the brakes. The result is less wear and tear on the brake hardware and greater control for the driver, especially when hauling or towing heavy loads downhill.

Included is a stability program that

reduces a trailer's tendency to wobble about, while hill-start assist prevents the HD from rolling backward when on an incline.

For the 2015 model year, the HD's maximum hauling capacity has increased to

3,508 kilograms from 3,275 and conventional towing capacity has similarly increased to 8,890 kilograms from 8,165. Fifth-wheelcapacity is up to 10,525 from 10,200.

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MORE POWER FOR THE MID-SIZE CANYON

When it comes to trucks and sport utility vehicles, General Motors tends to do things in pairs. Both the Chevrolet and GMC divisions share many similar, but moderately restyled vehicles wearing different nameplates, including the new-for-2015 Canyon and its Chevy iteration, the Colorado.

After being cancelled following the 2012 model year, both pickups are back for 2015 in bigger and more powerful forms. They are still smaller and less capable than the full-size GMC Sierra and Chevy Silverado. For many pickup buyers, however, they have plenty to offer, whether it's the four-door extended cab with 62-inch box, or the fourdoor crew cab that comes with a 50-inch, or available 62-inch bed.

Each style can be ordered with a 200-horsepower, 2.5-litre four-cylinder or a 305-horsepower V6. A six-speed manual transmission is standard with the 2.5, while a six-speed automatic is optional, but standard with the V6.

Interestingly, the V6 comes very close to matching the four-cylinder in the fuel economy department (11.9 l/100 km in the city and 8.8 highway for the four-cylinder versus 13.0/9.2 for rear-wheel-drive models). It's also the one to buy when hauling payloads up to 725 kilograms or towing up to 3,175 kilograms (double the 2.5's capacity).

Canyons can be had in base SL, SLE and SLT trim levels. SLE trims equipped with the



GMC Canyon. CONTRIBUTED

Autotrac (drivers can select four-wheel-drive themselves or allow the system to engage it automatically) are available with an off-road suspension package, locking rear differential, all-terrain rubber, automatic transmission and hill-descent control.

All Canyons come with a power driver's seat, corner steps built into the rear bumper, locking tailgates and two-tier loading that, by sliding braces and a platform that you supply, creates two separate cargo areas.

There are, of course, a plethora of options and packages for the Canyon, including leather seats (heated in front), 20-centimetre touch screen/navigation, and a factory-installed spray-on bed liner.

For added safety, a forward collision alert and lane departure warning features can be added (a rear-vision camera is standard).

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YUKON CAN HAUL ANYTHING

GMC's giant-sized Yukon rigs are specialists at heavy hauling in all kinds of road conditions and with up to eight people on board.

For 2015, they are also better looking with sharply creased bodywork and a handsome grille for the standard versions and the extended-by-50 centimetres XL. The Yukon and XL come with a new 5.3-litre V8 that generates 355 horsepower, which is a gain of 35 from the previous engine.

Key upgrades include direct fuel injection that can tailor the fuel entering the engine to the actual engine load and not just the revs per minute. The new 420-horsepower 6.2-litre V8, which is based on the Chevrolet Corvette engine with direct fuel injection and variable valve timing, is a Denali exclusive.

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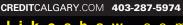


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SPORTS SEDAN REPLACES BOTH THE TSX AND TL MODELS

The TLX is Acura's latest entry luxury sports sedan that competes in a segment it practically invented back in the late 1990s.

But with changing times and increased competition, Honda's premium division has developed a new lineup strategy for 2015. That means the TLX replaces both the TSX and larger TL models.

Compared to the latter, overall length is 9.4 centimetres less, thanks to a reduction in front and rear overhang. It's also about 2.5 centimetres narrower and the roofline is slightly lower. The wheelbase remains identical to that of the TL, ensuring adequate legroom for rear-seat riders.

Under the hood, the TLX is mostly like the outgoing TSX. Here, fans will find a similar, but new 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine that produces 206 horsepower. It's mated to a quick-shifting eight-speed automated manual "dual clutch" transmission, called a DCT.

Unlike other designs, it actually features an automatic transmission-style torque converter that helps smooth out the shifts. Optional is a 3.5-litre V6 with 290 horsepower, 10 more than the retiring TL's 3.5.

Exclusive to the V6 is a nine-speed automatic transmission with a console-mounted push-button gear selector. The four-cylinder TLX is strictly a front-wheel-driver, while V6 versions

are available with an upgraded version of Acura's SH-AWD.

All front-wheel-drive four-cylinder and V6 models come with all-wheel-steering (called P-AWS) that slightly alters the rear wheels in phase with the fronts when turning at speed. During low-speed manoeuvres, such as when entering a parking space, the P-AWS slightly turns the rear wheels in the opposite direction.

The TLX comes standard with ECON, Normal, Sport and Sport+ driving modes. The latter maximizes the car's performance abilities with crisper shifts, added steering effort and a throatier exhaust note.

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Acura MDX breaks new ground

The seven-passenger MDX has long been a popular choice when it comes to car talk around the water cooler. But the third generation, which debuted for the 2014 model year, shares nothing with its predecessor and broke new ground in content, technology and fuel efficiency.

The shape and familiar shield-type grille are dead giveaways as to the MDX's origins. But a slightly lower roofline, an eight-centimetre stretch between the front and rear wheels and a five-centimetre gain in overall length makes it appear larger than the tape measure suggests.

The MDX conveys a strong sense of luxury, especially with its "jewel eye"



Acura MDX. CONTRIBUTED

headlights that have become the signature styling item for the Acura brand.

The current MDX provides a supple ride and lighter steering, which is a real departure from previous versions. But it drives like an upscale wagon should, and is in no way bouncy or sloppy over rough surfaces.

Acura claims the more aerodynamic

body structure weighs 55 kilograms less and, combined with other measures, contributes to a total 125-kilogram weight trimming.

The MDX's 290-horsepower 3.5-litre V6 carries over with a fuel consumption rating of 12.7 l/100 km in the city and 8.5 on the highway.

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FOLLOWING AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION

The RDX is fighting in one of the most hotly contested categories around, but nicely acquits itself against its competitors. These include the BMW X3, Audi Q5, Cadillac SRX, Mercedes-Benz GLK, Land Rover Evoque and Volvo XC60, not to mention the newest kid on the block, the surprising Lexus NX.

Playing the RDX's overture are the sweet sounds of a 3.5-litre V6 that puts out 273 horsepower and 251 pound-feet of torque. Helping keep fuel consumption in check is a special friction-reducing coating on the pistons and variable cylinder management that allows the engine to operate with two or three of its six cylinders shut down under light-load conditions.

As well, the six-speed automatic transmission helps in the fight for fuel economy, but so do other fuel-conserving innovations, including the use of low-viscosity transmission oil.

Above and beyond its powertrain efficiencies, the RDX features wind-cheating aerodynamics, fuel-saving electric power steering and low-rolling-resistance tires.

The RDX no longer employs Acura's very effective Super Handling All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD). However, the replacement system, called AWD with Intelligent Control, has its own merits, sending 25 per cent of the available torque to the rear wheels when accelerating from a stop, up to 100 per cent to the front wheels at a steady speed and splitting the torque 50;50 when heading up a 15 per cent (or greater) slope. It can't send extra torque to the outside turning wheels like the SH-AWD could, but that's at least partially offset by electronic power-steering and traction-control systems that reduce front- or rear-end plowing while turning, commonly referred to as understeer and oversteer.

The RDX follows Acura's traditional formula of offering plenty of luxury content, including a power moonroof, leather-covered interior, power-adjustable front seats and a 360-watt audio system.

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More convenience and safety features

The Toyota Venza

In a shrinking world, it seems like Toyota is well positioned to sell even more Venzas.

And while the Camry sedan it's related to is completely refreshed, the Venza remains mostly unchanged.

There are storage spots throughout the cabin and the shifter was relocated to the upper portion of the centre console. The split-folding rear seats fold flat, but they also recline up to 14 degrees for extra comfort and can be manually folded from the open liftgate using levers located on either side of the cargo bay.

The Venza is fitted with a 181-horsepower, 2.7-litre four-cylinder engine or an optional

268-horsepower, 3.5-litre V6 matched to a six-speed automatic transmission (also Camry sourced). Power goes to the front wheels, although all-wheel-drive is available at extra cost.

The Venza line for Canada is pretty simple: Four- and six-cylinder models, both available in front or all-wheel-drive. To that you can add an XLE, and to that you can add the Limited. They are bound together in that

Standard equipment is still generous, including dual-zone air conditioning, cruise control, remote keyless entry, auto-dimming rear view mirror, tilt/telescoping steering wheel with audio controls and a six-disc CD changer for the audio package.

Nineteen-inch wheels are also standard,



Toyota Venza. contributed

while 20-inchers accompany V6 models.

The XLE adds leather seats (heated in front), power hatch opening, panoramic glass roof and backup camera as well as navigation. The Limited adds push-button start,

13-speaker audio system and automatic headlights that use sensors to switch to low beams from high when vehicles approach in the oncoming lane.

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New path for the Camry

For years, the Toyota Camry has been one of the principal leaders in the mid-size sedan segment. However, being on top doesn't automatically guarantee success with the Honda Accord, Nissan Altima, Ford Fusion and several other mid-size marques chasing your tailpipe.

To appeal to new and existing buyers alike, Toyota has sharpened the Camry's claws in one of the brand's more dramatic adjustments.

The most obvious change is the dramatically different front end, where a new spindlestyle grille/air intake has been installed. There are new gauges, a reshaped control panel and recovered seats with better quality fabrics. One neat feature is an available wireless charging system located in a bin ahead of the shifter that will energize your smartphone or similar electronic device without having to plug it in.

Virtually unchanged are the Camry's three power teams that are proven stalwarts and remain competitive against the rest of the field. The base 2.5-litre, four-cylinder is the

primary workhorse for the majority of Camrys and provides 178 horsepower and 170 poundfeet of torque.

Meanwhile, the 268-horsepower V6 remains optional. The carryover Camry hybrid drivetrain consists of a 156-horsepower, 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine linked to a 105-kilowatt (141 horsepower) electric motor for a net system output of 200 horsepower and 199 pound-feet.

The hybrid earns a rating of 5.5 1/100 km in the city and 6.0 on the highway, numbers that are attainable only if you keep a light touch on the gas pedal. Both gasoline engines are mated to six-speed automatic transmissions, while the hybrid employs a continuously variable unit (CVT).

Camry drivers are treated to a retuned suspension (sport-tuned for the SE version). The electric-power-steering rack has also been tweaked for greater straight-line stability and a more direct feel while turning.

FAMILIAR FA

The Toyota Sienna remains one of the best minivans — a familiar face at soccer games and cheerleading practice, while also being stylish transport for carting friends and family around with relative ease.

For 2015, Toyota has given the Sienna a thorough reworking inside and out. The basic shell remains the same, but there's a reshaped grille, while the new headlights are thinner, and optional LED running lights help spice up the higher trims.

The engine remains a 268-horsepower 3.5-litre V6 offering that comes with a sixspeed automatic transmission. Its proverbial "ace" is the all-wheel-drive option that separates the Sienna from the rest of the minivan herd.

Sienna has managed to maintain its popularity with smart features and enough capacity to cart up to eight friends and/or family members (seven if the optional second-row

high-back chairs are selected to replace the three-person bench).

Pretty much everything the driver can see or touch is new, including soft-touch materials on the doors and dash, a three-spoke heated steering wheel, centre console and transmission shifter.

The 2015 model range for Canada includes base, LE, SE and Limited and all-wheel-drive models in LE and XLE trims. Even base models come well equipped with tri-zone air conditioning (driver, passenger and rear), multi-adjustable driver's seat, tilt and telescopic steering wheel plus the usual powercontrolled goodies.

Going up the line adds everything from heated leather seats to power sliding doors to bigger wheels and unique dual-view 16.4inch widescreen monitor that can display a single program or two programs, side by side, from two sources. - Wheelbase Media



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AN AWESOME DRIVING EXPERIENCE

THE NISSAN JUKE

Although a more familiar presence on the roads, the Juke still divides opinion thanks to its unconventional looks.

The compact tall wagon has a front end that sports a pair of audaciously shaped fenders that dominate the overall look. The revised headlights appear countersunk into the nose between the more aggressive bumper and the grille, while integrated arrow-shaped turn-signal pods are positioned on either side of the hood.

The five-passenger cabin holds more freeform sculpting, especially the centre console that was apparently designed to resemble a motorcycle fuel tank.

The primary gauges are oversized, the front seats are well bolstered and the split-folding rear bench seat can be flattened to maximize cargo space.

If those already distinctive lines aren't enough, Nissan continues to offer a full-on NISMO (Nissan Motorsports) model, which comes with extras such as a more aggressive front fascia/bumper, lower side sills and a more aggressive rear bumper.

Mechanically, the NISMO also sits lower with stiffer suspension and rides on unique 18-inch wheels with performance tires, making it a real blast to drive.

The music for the NISMO Juke box



Nissan Juke CONTRIBUTED

comes by way of a 197-horsepower, 1.6-litre turbocharged four-cylinder (up from 188) and — like the regular Juke — can be mated to either a six-speed manual transmission

in front-drive models only or an optional continuously variable unit (CVT).

The available all-wheel-drive splits the torque up to 50 per cent between the front

and rear wheels when called upon and can also direct available rear-axle torque to the outside wheel in a turn for greater cornering stability.

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Roll in style with the Murano

Nissan kicked one through the uprights when it launched the original Murano more than a decade ago.

Now, for 2015, the automaker introduces an entirely new design that falls more in line with its other wagons, including the smaller Rogue and the Pathfinder.

However, to differentiate the Murano, Nissan has dialled in way more style, including a lower roofline, a more aerodynamic front end and what at first glance appears to be winglets protruding up into the side glass behind the rear door that seem partially encased by the wraparound taillights.

As with the original, this equally strikingly Murano is bound to capture plenty of attention. The interior changes aren't quite so dramatic, but the seat fabrics and trim appear richer and the front chairs themselves are better bolstered (Nissan refers to them as "NASA-inspired zero-gravity seats").

There is also a bit more stowage room in back with the rear seats up or folded flat. As radical as the Murano's makeover is, there is really not much new to report under the



Nissan Murano. CONTRIBUTED

hood. Back again is a 260-horsepower V6 that's connected to a continuously variable transmission, a unit that more closely mimics the actions of a traditional automatic.

Also new is front-wheel-drive in addition to all-wheel-drive. Base models come with climate and cruise control, six-speaker audio systems and assorted power accessories.

Moving up the price pyramid adds fog lights, power telescopic steering wheel, leather seats, eight-way power driver's seat, four-way power passenger seat and a splitfolding 60/40 rear seat.

Loaded versions feature power liftgates,

heated front seats and outside mirrors, rainsensing wipers, 20-inch wheels (18-inchers are standard), premium 11-speaker sound systems, 18-centimetre information display/ rear view monitor and dual-panel moonroofs with second-row fixed skylights.

Available, depending on trim level, are latest "Safety Shield" technologies, including blind-spot and lane-departure warnings and "moving-object detection" that, using the various cameras hidden around the car's body, highlights people, pets or objects moving while the driver is attempting to park.

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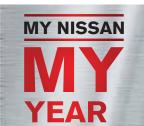
FIND FAVOUR WITH THE ALTIMA

Once upon a time, automakers used to wait two or three model years before introducing changes to their products. But the increasingly popular philosophy of continual improvement is working well for Nissan.

Its popular mid-size Altima has a graceful shape that's sure to find favour with potential owners.

The base 2.5-litre four-cylinder delivers 182 horsepower while a continuously variable transmission (CVT) has fewer moving parts, significantly reduced friction and electronic-control improvements so that it more closely mimics a traditional multi-speed automatic (with less noise).

While the output of the optional 3.5-litre V6 is still 270 horsepower for 2015, it now gains a bit more fuel performance, somewhere around three per cent in combined city/highway driving.



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The sky's the limit with the Pathfinder

It's great to see vehicles losing weight between generations, and Nissan's legendary Pathfinder shed about 110 kilograms (145 kilograms for 4x4 units) compared to the old truck-based model.

The diet included converting to a unitized (frameless) platform shared with the related Infiniti JX/QX luxury wagon.

Nissan's 3.5-litre V6 that generates 260 horsepower and 240 pound-feet of torque will be the engine of choice for most buyers, teamed with a continuously variable transmission (CVT) that replaces the previous five-speed automatic. The result is a decent improvement in fuel economy, but there's also a fuel-saving gasoline-electric hybrid available that uses a supercharged 2.5-litre four-cylinder paired with a 15-kilowatt electric motor to deliver 250 horsepower and 243 pound-feet of torque.

With standard four-wheel-drive, fuel efficiency is 7.2 l/100 km, combined city/high-way (2014). A compact lithium-ion battery is stowed under the third-row seat and doesn't affect cabin or cargo space at all.



Nissan Pathfinder. CONTRIBUTED

Nissan's All-Mode 4x4-i option allows you to select either two- or four-wheel-drive or engage the "auto" setting and let the All-Mode make the call based on which tire/tires has/have traction. Downhills are now easier with standard hill-descent control for 4x4 models.

Visually, hybrid models are differentiated by LED tail lights and subtle badges along

with different wheel designs. As for passengers, there is a third-row reclining seat and a second row with 11 centimetres of fore and aft travel, while a portion of the split second bench slides forward for easier third-row access, even if there's a child seat attached.

The base Pathfinder S arrives with tri-zone climate control and 14 cup/bottle holders. The SV (which is the base hybrid trim) adds

roof rails and a rear view monitor while leather-covered seats, remote engine start and a power liftgate are SL highlights.

The sky's the limit where the Platinum trim level is concerned. An up-level sound system, Around View camera, panorama moonroof and a navigation system are on the menu, depending on the depth of your pockets.

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ROGUE MAKES SIGNIFICANT STRIDES

INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR STYLING HAVE BEEN ENHANCED

The wedge-shaped second-generation Rogue better competes in the tall-wagon segment that's dominated by the Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4 and Ford Escape.

Introduced for 2014, the Rogue makes significant strides in interior and exterior styling. There is also enough room for an available third-row seat.

Compared to the previous model, the current Rogue has shrunk by 2.5 centimetres in overall length (attributed to reduced front and rear overhangs), while the distance between the front and rear wheels and overall height has actually increased slightly.

The sheet metal is a bit bolder looking than before, which makes the Rogue more appealing for some. The standard power plant continues to be a 170-horsepower, 2.5-litre four-cylinder. It's matched to an improved continuously variable transmission with a sport mode for snappier performance.

Nissan has focused on reducing friction (by a claimed 40 per cent) and improving



Nissan Rogue. CONTRIBUTED

the transmission's belt-and-pulley system for better operating efficiency, which can now be more easily practised with a standard Eco mode button for 2015.

Base S and SV models continue to be available in front- or all-wheel-drive, while the

top-grade SL comes with AWD only. A neat interior feature is the adjustable-height rear floor called Divide-N-Hide. When the floor is raised to the top position, a secure cargo hold is created below to store belongings.

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Nissan Titan. CONTRIBUTED

ALL IN A HARD DAY'S WORK

The Nissan Titan will continue to appeal to hard-working individuals. There are still two choices in bed length, ending at eight feet, two inches. The bigger box is only offered with extended cab models and not the four-door Titans.

From the outside, the Titan mimics the dimensions and attitude of its domestic rivals and attempts to match them under the hood with an all-aluminum 317-horsepower, 5.6-litre V8. That might be well shy of what Ford, GM, Ram and Toyota deliver, but perhaps more important than peak horsepower is the torque, as in close to 400 pound-feet of it, most of which is available from just 2,500 rpm. That helps the Titan tow up to 4,320 kilograms.



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CIVIC SEDAN GETS A REFRESH

Honda surprised the world when it gave its one-year-old ninth-generation Civic a structural and styling adjustment for the 2013 model. The model stays the same for 2015, but Honda has shown that it isn't afraid to make adjustments on the fly to any of its models

Although the lower-volume Civic coupe was left alone, the sedan's alterations included completely new front and rear bodywork encompassing a more prominent grille, restyled hood and new fog lights, corner lights and tail lights.

Changes were also initiated to improve the Civic's front-end crash protection, especially at each corner, allowing it to pass new partial front-end crash test standards with flying colours.

Other adjustments were applied to the suspension and steering components as well as soundproofing materials to improve ride comfort, reduce cabin noise and create a sportier driving experience.

Finally, sedans and coupes equipped with automatic transmissions were fitted with larger front brakes. The new dash has fewer creases and angles than before and most plastic surfaces have been replaced with soft-touch materials.

Returning for 2015 is the standard 140-horsepower, 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine, with the optional 201-horsepower, four-cylinder repeating in the performance-oriented



Honda Civic Sedan CONTRIBUTED

Si. Similarly, the 110-horse 1.8 continues to power the natural-gas-fuelled sedan, while the gas-electric Civic Hybrid's powertrain producing 110 horsepower also carries over.

The hybrid now includes forward-collision alert and accidental-lane-departure warning systems (both are options in other Civics). The base power plant mates to a five-speed

manual transmission or optional five-speed automatic. A six-speed manual gearbox goes to the Si and a continuously variable unit is for the hybrid. — Wheelbase Media



Honda Fit. CONTRIBUTE

A PERFECT FIT FOR DRIVERS

The all-new Fit sticks to a proven formula: Keep the size and weight in check; keep the body lean and spacious; and keep drivers and passengers thinking they are ensconced in a vehicle that's larger than it actually is.

Despite being physically and dimensionally similar, the Fit actually looks bigger, thanks to more prominent body creases and fenders that bulge out around the wheel openings.

The Fit's interior remains a marvel of practicality. Passenger volume has been modestly increased and rear-seat legroom

lengthened by 8.0 centimetres, primarily due to the new chassis and more compact rear suspension.

A new 1.5-litre four-cylinder engine produces 130 horsepower and 114 pound-feet of torque, compared to 117 horses and 106 pound-feet of torque for the previous 1.5.

A six-speed manual transmission, or optional continuously variable unit (CVT), directs power to the front wheels. The CVT helps the Fit achieve 7.0 l/100 km in the city and 5.7 on the highway with the CVT, or 8.4/6.4 with the six-speed manual.

– Wheelbase Media

Premium people mover

Honda prices the Odyssey at the premium end of the spectrum, but that hasn't dissuaded buyers who, year after year, have made this minivan a bestseller.

For the 2014 model year, the Odyssey minivan became more competitive via upgrades for base models that included a six-speed automatic transmission to replace the five-speed unit. The six-speed transmission was formerly the domain of up-level trims.

The carryover 248-horsepower, 3.5-litre V6 comes with variable-cylinder-management that cuts out two or three of the cylinders under light-load conditions for improved fuel economy.

For 2015, the Odyssey for Canada is avail-

able in a whopping seven trims, although four of them are EX models with variations on the theme. Base LX models arrive well turned out with dual-zone air conditioning, seven-passenger seating and a rear-view camera.

Progressing up the line eventually lands you at the Touring, with its self-levelling headlights, 16.2-inch rear video screen (bigger than the average the laptop computer screen), 650-watt, 12-speaker surround-sound system and the "HondaVac" built-in 12-volt vacuum cleaner positioned at the rear of the van. The Touring includes crash-mitigation technology such as forward-collision warning and lane-departure warning. — Wheelbase Media



Honda Odyssey. CONTRIBUTED





Lincoln MKZ. CONTRIBUTED

LINCOLN MKZ OFFERS LUXURY AND PLENTY OF SMART TECHNOLOGY

The MKZ is Lincoln's first proven result of being able to not only translate a concept car to production faithfully, but also be able to hide the Ford mechanical bits it uses under the skin.

On sale for model year 2013, the signature "waterfall" grille was replaced by a series of horizontal bars. But for real design drama you can't beat the sweep of the roofline that flows well past the rear-most roof pillar, almost to the trailing edge of the body.

The car's massive windshield and rear window glass, including the optional retractable panoramic sunroof, makes it doubtful passenger claustrophobia will pose a problem.

Inside is an ultra-sophisticated leathercovered and wood-trimmed interior, plus a floor console extending seamlessly almost the full length of the cabin.

In back, optional inflatable seatbelts for outboard riders cushion their heads and necks in the event of frontal crash.

In the suspension department, continuously adjustable shock damping, power-assisted electric steering, variable transmission-shift-mapping plus traction and stability control all combine to form Lincoln Drive Control. The result, says Lincoln, is improved ride and handling in Normal, Sport, or Comfort modes, as selected by the driver.

A push-button gear selector next to the gauges replaces the traditional floor shifter. Power plant choices consist of a 240-horse-power, 2.0-litre four-cylinder "EcoBoost" (turbocharged) four-cylinder. Optional is a

300-horsepower, 3.7-litre V6 that Ford also installs in vehicles as diverse as the Mustang and the Explorer tall wagon.

MKZ returns in an available gasolineelectric hybrid model that's fitted with a 141-horsepower, 2.0-litre four-cylinder combined with an electric motor. The net output is 188 horsepower. The turbo and the V6 come with six-speed transmissions that send torque only to the front wheels with the former, or all four wheels if the V6 is specified. The front-wheel-drive-only hybrid uses a continuously variable transmission.

The MKZ can be had with numerous crash-mitigating safety systems that prevent your participation in rear-end mishaps and keep you within your intended lane.

– Wheelbase Media

Chart a course with the Navigator

For those who require or desire something really big to drive, charting a course in the Lincoln Navigator's direction is one sure way to get your fill.

The changes the designers and engineers made to this largest of Lincolns are significant. The front gets a bolder split-wing grille, a new hood and projector-style headlamps ringed with mini LED running lights. In back, a full-width LED taillight bar is also an attractive addition. Unchanged is your choice of the standard-length Navigator, or the Navigator L that extends the wheelbase by about 30 centimetres and overall length by nearly 36 centimetres.

On the interior side, the old-school look dashboard has been modernized and the optional — on the Reserve Package — over-



Lincoln Navigator, CONTRIBUTED

the-top wood trim has been replaced by more tasteful "Ziricote," which is an eco-friendly plant-based product used in watercraft.

Under the hood, the previous 5.4-litre V8 that produced 310 horsepower and 365 pound-feet of torque has been jettisoned in favour of a twin-turbocharged 3.5-litre V6 rated at 380

horsepower and 460 pound-feet.

A six-speed automatic transmission directs power to all four wheels, aided by Lincoln's Control Trac four-wheel-drive. Also standard is a load-levelling system that keeps the Navigator on an even keel when filled with heavy items.

— Wheelbase Media



Lincoln MKC. CONTRIBUTED

UNIQUE AND UPSCALE MKC WAGON

The new-for-2015 MKC faces off against the BMW X3 Mercedes-Benz GLA and other upscale car-based wagons.

Lincoln's design team began with the Ford Escape platform and created a unique and handsome shape. The MKC's luxury content ensures there will be little, if any, commonality with the Escape.

It's also quieter inside, thanks in part to Active Noise Control, which uses hidden microphones and a special control module to create opposing sound waves sent through the car's speakers that cancel out unwanted engine noises.

The system can be combined with continuously adjustable shock damping, power-assisted electric steering, variable transmission shift mapping plus traction and stability control to form Lincoln Drive Control. The result, says Lincoln, is improved ride and handling in Normal, Sport, or Comfort modes, as selected by the driver.

The base turbocharged 2.0-litre fourcylinder generates 240 horsepower and a stout 270 pound-feet of torque. The optional 2.3-litre turbo-four is rated at 285 horsepower and 300 poundfeet of torque. Each is paired with a six-speed automatic transmission with paddle-shift controls. All-wheel-drive is included, regardless of which engine you choose.

Base models include dual-zone climate control, heated power-adjustable front-row leather seats, backup camera, and "Lincoln Premium Sound" with voice-activated communications and infotainment systems.

Safety features include: Front airbags; side-impact airbags; sidecurtain airbags with rollover protection; anti-lock brakes; stability control with anti-rollover software

Opting for the more expensive (by about \$10,000) turbo-2.3 model adds a voice-activated navigation system, heated and cooled front seats and heated rear seats, hands-free power liftgate and blind-spot detection that detects vehicles approaching from either side on the highway.

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Effective in different ways

Contrasting coaches.

Belichick, Carroll have risen to the top in their profession with football IQ that 'is way up there'

Put Bill Belichick behind a microphone and he's C-SPAN — minus the information.

Pete Carroll is more like a Lifetime movie. Or, as defensive lineman Michael Bennett puts it, "He has that Benjamin

Button effect

on everyone." The Super Bowl coaches approach their obligations to the public and from media opposite ends. Belichick,

coaching for his fourth championship in New England, is dry, offers little to no insight and rarely makes anyone laugh. Carroll, looking for his second straight title, is a high-fiving, fist-bumpextrovert who started one of his news conferences this week with a welcoming, "What's up?!"

Different styles have pro-



duced similar results, though.

Belichick is making his sixth Super Bowl appearance as a head coach and his Patriots are as close as there is to a dynasty in the current NFL. Carroll's team is being mentioned as a possible dynasty, as well, and that notion will only gain steam if the Seahawks win Sunday and become the first backto-back champions since New England in 2003-04.

Dissimilar as they are, they have both built their teams on a foundation of unflinching candour inside their locker and meeting rooms - a quality Carroll brings to some of his public speaking, but one that Belichick eschews.

"What you see on TV is what you get, pretty much, from the two," said Patriots cornerback Brandon Browner, who previously played for Carroll in Seattle. "They have similarities too, though. Their football IQ is way up there. They are so different, but at the same time, they're the same. That's why they both have succeeded at this level."

Patriots owner Robert Kraft, who hired Carroll back in 1997, then Belichick in 2000, called his former coach, "pretty special to be around. A lot of fun."

He feels he set Carroll back

SEAHA	WKS PA	PATRIOTS		
12-4	Record	12-4		
375.8 (9th)	Total offence	365.5 (11th)		
267.1 (1st)	Total defence	344.1 (13th)		
24.6 (10th)	Points	29.2 (4th)		
15.9 (1st)	Points against	19.6 (8th)		

* Rankings are based on per-game averages from NFL.com

by not giving him the full control he wanted, and the owner adjusted his style when he made the next hire.

Everyone benefited: Belichick and the Patriots — and Carroll and Seattle.

There's no big mystery to all this coaching success, Belichick insists.

"It's about players making the plays that your team needs to win," he said. "I think as a coach, you want to make sure you don't screw that up."

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Sizing up the competition

The extremes between the players in Sunday's Super Bowl THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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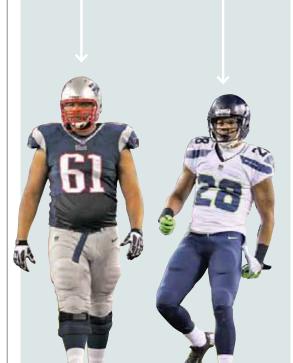
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335 lbs.

New England offensive lineman Marcus Cannon Lightest

lbs. 185 lbs.

Seattle defensive back Marcus Burle



Height



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Tallest

6'8"

New England offensive linemen Sebastian Vollmer — pictured above towering over his teammates — and Nate Solder

Shortest

5'10"

Twelve players clock in at this height (six on each team)

Highest-paid offence \$14.1M The average annual salary of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady Highest-paid defence \$14M The average annual salary of Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman Lowest paid \$420K The average annual salary of undrafted rookies on both teams

Willson, Ryan represent true north

Canadian content.

Punter says his second Super Bowl "is really a dream come true"

Canada will have a pair of players to root for in the Super Bowl for the second straight season: Seahawks tight end Luke Willson and punter Jon Ryan.

Willson, who grew up outside Windsor, Ont., made his way to the NFL after playing at Rice University, where he learned a quick lesson in how big football is in the United States.

"It was pretty intense, especially coming from Canada," Willson said. "It was a very, very different atmosphere. Football is almost like a religion down there."

Ryan, of Regina, Sask., never got to experience football in America until he ended up in the NFL — with Green Bay in 2006 — by way of the CFL and the University of Regina.

Quoted

"It was kind of cool ... to have that many people care about the game of football."

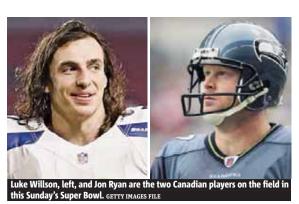
Luke Willson, who grew up in Windsor, Ont., about the moment he realized the game is "almost a religion" in the U.S., when he played for Rice University.

"Growing up in Canada, I never thought I'd have the opportunity to play in the NFL," said Ryan, who threw a touchdown pass on a trick

play in Seattle's comeback win over the Packers in the NFC Championship. "Now to have been playing here for nine years, playing in my second Super Bowl is really a dream come true."

The Seahawks have one other foreign-born player on its roster: Defensive lineman Jesse Williams, who was born in Brisbane, Australia. He spent the season on injured reserve after injuring his knee during fall camp.

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Lynch tells y'all why he's silent



Media. Seattle running back goes unscripted, defends his right to fulfill minimum requirements and 'say nothing'

Marshawn Lynch changed the script and fired back at his critics.

After two days of giving only scripted answers, the Seattle Seahawks' star running back gave his most extensive comments of Super Bowl week, mostly telling reporters why he won't talk to them.

"I don't know what story

"I don't know what story y'all trying to get out of me. I don't know what image y'all trying to portray of me," Lynch said Thursday. "But it don't matter what y'all think, what y'all say about me because when I go home at night, the same people that I look in the face — my family that I love, that's all that really matter to me. So y'all can go make up whatever y'all want to make up because I don't say enough for y'all to go and put anything

out on me."

When Lynch arrived at the podium, a man with a reporter's credential who said he was a teacher asked him to give his students a "shoutout."

But Lynch wouldn't bite and began his unscripted statement. "Y'all shove cameras

"Y'all shove cameras and microphones down my throat," Lynch continued. "But when I'm at home in my environment, I don't see y'all, but y'all mad at me. And if you ain't mad at me, then what y'all here for? I ain't got nothing for y'all, though. I told y'all that."

Lynch, who had spurned reporters' efforts to get him to talk at mandatory news conferences Tuesday and Wednesday, seemed frustrated that they were still trying.

"I'm here preparing for a game. And y'all want to ask me these questions, which is understandable. I could get down with that. But I told y'all. I'm not about to say nothing. ... All of my requirements are fulfilled."

Lynch praised his teammates, his hometown of Oak-

Fine line

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marsnawn Lynton nas a mistory or avoiting reporters. In November, the NFL fined him \$50,000 for violations of the league's media policy in addition to collecting the \$50,000 fine that was imposed against Lynch for violations last season.

land, Calif., and his Family First Foundation. When asked who the best player on the Seahawks was, he said: "All of them."

As he has all week, Lynch stayed five minutes before leaving.

At Media Day on Tuesday, Lynch repeated: "I'm just here so I don't get fined" while talking to reporters.

On Wednesday, he replied to all questions with: "You know why I'm here."

The Professional Football Writers of America complained to the league about Tuesday's session and Lynch had been apprised of a potential fine. A league spokesman declined comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Habs outlast Rangers in N.Y.C.

Max Pacioretty broke up a scoreless deadlock with 4:17 left to lift the Montreal Canadiens to a 1-0 victory over the New York Rangers on Thursday night.

Pacioretty sent a wrist shot from above the right circle that appeared to surprise Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist and squeeze inside the right post for his 22nd goal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Jets drop the ball in Philadelphia

Wayne Simmonds, Chris VandeVelde, Nick Schultz and Brayden Schenn scored, leading the Philadelphia Flyers to a 5-2 win over the Winnipeg Jets on Thursday night.

Sean Couturier added an empty-netter as Philadelphia won for the fourth time in five games while trying to make a desperate run at a playoff berth.

Mathieu Perreault scored twice for the Jets.
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Crime. Hernandez trial underway in Massachusetts

With his ex-teammates about to play in the Super Bowl, former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez went on trial on murder charges Thursday, watching from the defence table as prosecutors said DNA on a shell casing and security-camera video from his own home connect him to the crime.

Hernandez's lawyer countered that the NFL player had "the world at his feet" and had no reason to kill. He repeatedly told jurors that the athlete is innocent and said authorities "locked" in on him as a suspect early on, ignored evidence and conducted a "sloppy and unprofessional" investigation.

Hernandez, 25, is charged in the 2013 shooting death of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old semipro football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée. Lloyd's bullet-riddled body was found in an industrial park near Hernandez's North Attleborough, Mass., home.

Hernandez — who had a \$40 million contract as a tight end but was cut by the Patriots just hours after his 2013 arrest — could get life in prison if convicted.



Opening statements were made Thursday as former New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez went on trial for murder. GETTY IMAGES FILE

In a separate murder case that has yet to come to trial, Hernandez was charged last year in Boston with killing two men in 2012 after someone spilled a drink on him at a nightclub.

Prosecutors in this trial have suggested that Lloyd may have been killed because he knew too much about that crime. But the judge has ruled that prosecutors cannot tell the jury about those slayings.

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The Calgary-Buffalo Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta is seeking nominations for candidates to represent the constituency and the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta (PCAA) in the next provincial election.

The nomination period to obtain information, complete the nomination papers and pay the nomination fees begins at noon Saturday Jan. 30, 2015 and closes at 6 p.m. Friday Feb. 6, 2015.

If necessary, a nomination meeting (vote) will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 21, 2015 at the Cliff Bungalow Mission Community Centre, 2201 Cliff Street S.W., Calgary.

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Flames affiliate moving to coast

AHL. Calgary among Western franchises to benefit with affiliate team closer to home

Five NHL teams will soon have their top minor-league affiliates closer to them as the American Hockey League unveiled a new Pacific Division that will begin next season.

The Edmonton Oilers will have their AHL team in Bakersfield, the Calgary Flames in Stockton, the Los Angeles Kings in Ontario, the Anaheim Ducks in San Diego and the Sharks in San Jose.

"We know that the players are going to benefit from the proximity of the teams," Oilers president Kevin Lowe said at a news conference in San Jose. "This is going to enhance development."

Previously, the Oilers' top minor-league team was in Oklahoma City, the Flames' in Glens Falls, N.Y., the Kings' in Manchester, N.H., the Ducks'

The Kings, Sharks and Ducks will get the benefit of having their teams in the same state. San Jose's AHL team will even share SAP Center with the Sharks, something that hasn't been done with an NHL team thus far.

The Toronto Maple Leafs' top affiliate, the Marlies, are in the same city, and the Philadelphia Flyers once had the Phantoms in another arena across the parking lot.

in Norfolk, Va., and the Sharks' in Worcester, Mass.

Calgary general manager Brad Treliving thanked fans in Glens Falls but acknowledged the difficulties of having an AHL team so far away.

"I can tell you from having a team on the East Coast ... those cross-country flights, dealing with a different time zone when you play a game

Friday night and you need a guy in Saturday, there are challenges involved in it," Treliving said.

This idea has been bandied about for several years. Ducks general manager Bob Murray said he and former GM Brian Burke talked about it as soon as they got to Anaheim. The Pacific Division is the first phase of trying to geographically balance out the AHL, which historically has been centred in the East.

AHL president David Andrews called relocating five teams a complex process but one that "launches a new era for the American Hockey League and for professional hockey in California."

Edmonton to Bakersfield and Calgary to Stockton isn't that close, but it's an improvement. Lowe estimated that the AHL's Condors will have about 20 to 25 extra practices per season than the Barons had in Oklahoma City, when the closest opponent was a six-hour bus ride away.

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Curling

Edmonton rink in line to win second straight title

Kelsey Rocque finds herself on the verge of joining elite company at the Canadian junior curling champion-

The 20-year-old Edmonton native has claimed a spot in the women's goldmedal game after Alberta defeated Nova Scotia's Mary Fay 8-3 on Thursday.

Rocque is looking to become just the fourth skip in the event's history to win back-to-back women's

Alberta will close

out round-robin play on Friday morning against New Brunswick's Justine Comeau (5-4) before starting preparations for Saturday's gold-medal match.

Rocque hopes to join Cathy King (1977, 1978), Suzanne Birt (2001, 2002) and Kaitlyn Lawes (2008, 2009) as back-to-back champions.

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↑ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Today, the more certain people try to convince you that certain goals are beyond your reach the more determined you will be to prove them wrong.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

The planets urge you to show the world you have nothing to hide - even if you do! Pretend you don't have a care. Others will be taken in by your act.

II Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Your main aim today and over the weekend must be to push yourself harder. Believe in your abilities and that you are capable of more and, in time, your belief will make it a fact.

9 Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Mars and Pluto are nicely aligned today and you could not wish for a better influence to get things done. It is, of course, up to you what you choose to do with your time.

€? Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Keep your problems in perspective over the next 24 hours. You may wish that life was easier but in the greater scheme of things your "problems" are opportunities for you to grow.

M Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

According to the planets you can do a lot of people a lot of good but only if you join forces with those who share your opinions and beliefs.

△ Libra

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Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will soon be moving up in the world, which is good news for you but bad news for your rivals who will be moving down. Don't waste time feeling sorry for them.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You have a simple choice today: stand by your principles and lose out financially or reject your ideals and make money. How much will it cost you to buy your principles back?

プ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You keep asking yourself all sorts of questions but the answers are so slow in coming. Don't let it worry you because some answers always take longer to arrive than others.

6 Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Certain people may be making life tough for you for no reason but that is no reason to feel sorry for yourself. Rise to the challenge and master it.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may feel unprepared for the challenges that are coming your way but when it's time to act you will do so with courage and confidence.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You're lucky and if you don't believe it now you will this weekend. What you would attempt to do if you knew that success was guaranteed? Do it!

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

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Across

- 1. Methods
- 5. Coffee menu items 11. Vancouver sch. 14. Stick in the
- water 15. Huge, in Hull 16. Philosopher,
- -tzu
- 17. Winnipeg-born actor who is the voice of the computer HAL in #36-Across: 2 wds.
- (More at #58-Across!) 19. Samovar
- 20. Yawnsville 21. Bill Haley & His
- Comets hit word
- 23. Chateau (Historic building of 1705 that's a museum attraction in Old
- Montreal) 26. Despots
- 29. Slopes slider
- 30. Prunes
- 32. Former currency
- in Italy 33. Simple Minds
- singer Jim
- 34. Flipped up, as
- trousers 36. "2001:
- (1968)
- 40. Expects 41. House critters
- 42. Ruse
- 43. Groovy
- 44. Incline 48. Swiftly, in music
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56. Compete

61. Geog. feature 62. Steely Dan's " in the Years'

63. Prong

64. Positive gesture 65. 1974 Ray Stevens novelty song: "The

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66. Wood sorrels

Down

1. Birds like the Ibis 2. Unkeyed, in music

- 3. Chicago hit of 1973: "Just 4. Transitioned
- smoothly & Perrins (Worcestershire
- sauce brand)
- 6. Ques. partner
- 7. Matador's victim 8. Pieces of land

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- 9. English actress Ms. Blunt 10. Spanish courtesy title
- 11. Arctic cutting tool: 2 wds.
- 12. Exclude
- 13. "__ Air" (1997) 18. Ms. Hurley, briefly
- 22. The baby cow's

- 24. Sir Guinness' 25. From long ago
- 27. "South Park" cocreator Mr. Parker
- 28. Down 31. Movie trailer, e.g.
- 33. Nightspot in Broadway musical
- Cabaret, Kit Klub
- 34. Pedal 35. Operate
- 36. Missing from service, commonly 37. Queen Victoria's
- mother, Princess Victoria of Saxe-
- Coburg-__ (b.1786 - d.1861)
- 38. High-tech dot
- 39. Luxury label 40. Dermatology pro-
- cedure, _ _ peel 43. Kind of eel
- 44. "Okay then!",
- Brit-style 45. AECL = Energy of Canada Limited
- 46. Spot to dock
- yachts 47. Locales
- 49. Thickening gums 50. Rent a house
- again
- 52. "So You Think You Can Dance" host
- Ms. Deeley 54. Lacquered metal-
- ware 56. Wine, in Paris 57. Prefix meaning
- 'Equal'
- 59. Narrow inlet 60.Drawing liquid



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Fill in the grid, so that every

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3	8	5	7	2	4	9	6	1
9	6	2	3	1	8	7	4	5
8	4	7	6	9	3	1	5	2
5	9	6	2	8	1	4	7	3
2	3	1	4	7	5	8	9	6
1	7	8	9	5	2	6	3	4
4	2	9	1	3	6	5	8	7
6	5	3	8	4	7	2	1	9

row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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